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ICHANG FALLS TO YANG SEN.

CLOSING IN UPON HANKOW.

WU PEI-FU'S FORCES AGAIN IN PICTURE.

NORTHERN TROOPS AND WARSHIPS MOVING.

CANTONESE REACH HUNAN.

As for the past two days, all other events in China are overshadowed by the resumption of fighting between the North and the South, the position being complicated by the fact that the South is divided against itself. The threat to Hankow is getting even more menacing.

It is now reported that General Yang Sen has captured Ichang, has proceeded down river as far as Shashi and is making preparations for an attack upon Hankow itself. He is said to have joined up with the forces of Marshal Wu Pei-fu and to be proceeding down the Han River.

Further down the river, it is reported from Chinkiang that the Nationalists are still carrying out big troop movements in preparation for an offensive. There has been a little artillery firing but the expected battles have failed to take place, though it is also reported from Shanghai that the Northerners are preparing for an offensive on all fronts.

The "Reds" on the North River are still falling back before the thrust of the Cantonese forces, and the invasion of Hunan is imminent. Reinforcements are being sent up from Canton for this campaign.

JAPAN'S PRECAUTIONS AT SWATOW.

Hankow, May 11. General Yang Sen, the Szechuan war-lord, entered Ichang with his troops on Sunday. Looting took place as usual, but it is understood that foreign property was not interfered with.—*Naval Wireless.*

Shashi, May 11. General Yang Sen has now reached Shashi in preparation for an attack on Hankow. It is planned that he will join up with the Wu Pei-fu troops now advancing down the Han River.

[The Yangtze is linked with the Han River by a canal running from Shashi and Kingchowfu to Shayang.]

General Sun Tso-ying, one of Wu's Generals who defected to the South in last year's campaign, has now joined General Yang Sen and is joining the advance against Hankow.

The Southerners fighting the Fengtien troops on the Honan-Hupeh borders are considerably harassed by the Red Spears who are operating against them, and have been breaking bridges farther south.

It is now understood that the Fengtien troops have not in fact advanced beyond Chumiatun, which is over 100 miles from the Hupeh border.—*Naval Wireless.*

NATIONALIST OFFENSIVE.

Big Preparations Afoot.

Chinkiang, May 11. Parts of the 1st and 15th Nationalist Armies are concentrating in the region of Hueishan (?) in preparation for a big offensive and considerable troop movements in that direction from Chinkiang have taken place.

General Ho Ying-yin has charge of the Southern forces in the Chinkiang area, and he has commandeered all available water transport.—*Naval Wireless.*

BIG TROOP MOVEMENTS.

Northern Armies and Ships.

Shanghai, May 11. It is rumoured that the Northerners are preparing an active offensive on all fronts in the very near future, and in this connexion it is notable that over 12,000 Northern troops were landed on Taungming Island, the big island at the mouth of the Yangtze-kiang, to-day.

The object of the landing has not been indicated, but it is known that five Northern warships are on

Release His Old Chief.

General Leung Hung-kai, formerly Commander of the 1st Cantonese Army, to whom General Li Chai-sum was a subordinate, was released yesterday from the Whampoa Prison, where he had been detained for more than a year and a half.

General Ho Tung, chief of staff to General Li Chai-sum, was sent to Whampoa to have General Leung welcomed to Canton. The generals were taken to Canton by a gunboat, and a big reception was given at Army Headquarters in the evening by General Li Chai-sum in honour of his former chief.

General Li has offered General Leung the position of High Military Advisor of the Army Headquarters.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

SWATOW UNREST.

Japan Sends Warship.

Tokyo, May 12. Owing to the fear of disturbances at Swatow, the Navy Department has ordered a destroyer to proceed thither, in order to protect Japanese residents in case of need.—*Reuter.*

BIG PUKOW FIRE.

Oil Tanks Threatened.

Nanking, May 11. Following a long artillery duel between Nanking and Pukow a large fire broke out in Pukow yesterday.

The conflagration started very close to the S.O.C.O.N.Y. oil tanks, but fortunately they sustained no damage. The fire was got under control, but large numbers of huts were completely destroyed.—*Naval Wireless.*

CHINA MISSIONARIES.

Baptists Being Withdrawn.

London, May 11. The Baptist Missionary Society of London states that its whole staff in China has been withdrawn from the inland stations to the coast, except Dr. Broomhall and the Rev. Mr. Edward Phillips, who are staying at Sianfu, at General Feng Yu-shiang's request.

Some of the missionaries may be transferred temporarily to other work in India and Ceylon, while the others will as far as possible come home on furlough. The missionaries hope to return to China as early as possible.—*Reuter.*

BORODIN'S INACCURACY.

Mis-statement in Interview.

In the interview given by Mr. Borodin in Hankow, to Mr. C. J. Ketchum of the *Daily Express*, Mr. Borodin goes wrong when he declares that he was at no time paid by the Soviet Government, says a Shanghai correspondent. Mr. Eugene Chen has himself admitted when in conversation with foreign friends that for a considerable time Borodin received his wages from Moscow although for some time now the Kuomintang have been paying for his advice. That they will continue to pay and in ways they do not suspect is equally true but about that Mr. Borodin told his interviewer nothing although it is the first class brain he is supposed to be, he should have been able to do so.

THE KUKIANG CHEQUE.

The Full Story.

Shanghai, May 7. News from Hankow says that Mr. Eugene Chen is denouncing as a lie the statement that the cheque he handed over to Mr. O'Malley regarding Kukiang was a 'dummy'. This news, very old in Shanghai, was published a day or two ago in one of the papers here, says a correspondent.

The full story is rather interesting. Of course it is known that Mr. Chen forced the Chen-O'Malley agreement, through against tremendous opposition from the "left" faction of the Kuomintang at Hankow. When the Kukiang agreement was signed and the amount of damages agreed upon, Mr. Chen handed Mr. O'Malley a cheque which was drawn upon Mr. Chen's own private account. At the time when that cheque was drawn there was

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TO PAY HONGKONG STRIKERS.

CANTON MERCHANTS LEND \$1,500,000.

EACH SHOP TO FIND QUOTA.

Merchants of Canton city, through their respective guilds, have undertaken to provide within ten days a loan to the Government of \$1,500,000 as a special fund to dispose of the Canton-Hongkong strikers, says the *Canton Gazette*.

A notification, issued by the Special Governing Committee, states that the General Chamber of Commerce have held a meeting and decided on the following measures to raise the loan:

1. The amount of the loan to be \$1,500,000 as requested.
2. Every shop will take up a certain quota of the loan. Such quota will be fixed in proportion to the license fee of the shop; for example, for every ten dollars license fee, \$30 should be collected from the shopowner. Responsible representatives of the various guilds are to collect the funds from merchants of their respective guilds, and hand over the total allotment to the Chamber.
3. To redeem the loan, Government will issue \$1,500,000 Treasury Bonds, \$30,000 of which will be redeemed every day.
4. The loan will be raised within ten days.

Merchants Notified.

The Special Committee is requested to issue a notification to this effect: "Merchants are hereby notified to deliver to responsible persons of the various guilds their due portion of the loan as promptly as possible. This sum will be distributed among the Canton-Hongkong strikers who have been promised a certain amount of allowance. With this allowance each striker will be able to start work again. It was very courageous of the workers to join the strike against the Imperialists, sacrificing their work in Hongkong and returning to Canton. But it is unwise to leave them unemployed, and it is difficult to provide for them continuously. Accordingly it was decided to give the allowance enabling them to start work when they are dissolved. On the one hand, workers will not be left without means to obtain employment. On the other, merchants will be relieved of further burdens. The four measures proposed by the General Chamber of Commerce have been very well planned, and it is sure to work out well. The people must understand that this step of the Government authorities is taken for the welfare of the workers as well as for economic development."

LABOUR STANDARDS.

JAPANESE OMISSIONS.

Geneva, May 11. Before the Industrial Committee of the Economic Conference, Sir Ness Wadia declared that the Japanese memorandum distributed during the conference referred to a big reduction in profits, but omitted to refer to the hours of labour, night work, and the fact that the cotton industry in Japan was run in two shifts, totalling 24 hours a day.

He finally submitted a resolution recording the desirability of greater co-ordination in formulating and applying labour conventions and other measures designed to raise physical and mental standards.—*Reuter.*

OLYMPIA JUBILEE.

PAGEANT OF SCOTTISH ARMS.

London, May 11. H.M. the King, accompanied by the Queen, will open on May 19 the annual Royal Tournament at Olympia.

It is fifty years since the tournament was instituted, and a programme has been arranged worthy of a jubilee celebration.

An outstanding feature will be a pageant of Scottish arms dating back to the time of James the First.—*British Wireless.*

STOLEN UNCLE.

GROWN-UP NEPHEW CHARGED.

AN UNUSUAL CASE.

A rather unusual case came up for hearing before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning, when a Chinese appeared on a charge of kidnapping his own uncle.

Mr. D. McCallum defended, while the prosecution was conducted by Detective Inspector N. Reynolds.

The uncle, a youth of twelve, said that his nephew, who was the defendant, was the son of his half brother. It is alleged that the defendant had some time ago robbed the family of \$2,000 and had since made himself scarce. The family owned the Wo Lun Piecogoods firm in Jervois street and the defendant had previously worked there.

On April 28th the defendant called on the school where the lad attended. The teacher permitted the boy to leave, seeing that one of his relations had come to fetch him. The defendant then took his youthful uncle to the World Theatre and later to take some refreshments. After that, they went for a walk along the waterfront and defendant told the youth that his mother had instructed defendant to take him to the Canton Military Academy to complete his education. The story was believed and defendant then said that there was no need to go and say good-bye to his mother as she would come on board to meet him. They went on board the s.s. Chuen Chow which was bound for Macao.

Said He Was Important.

At Macao, the defendant told the boy that he had not gone to Canton direct because he had some business to transact near Macao. He said he was an important official amongst the fishermen in that district.

They stayed at a boarding house and the next day they proceeded to Shekhi where they put up at another boarding house. The defendant told the witness that his mother was coming to Shekhi and later they were all going to proceed to Canton together.

At the boarding house that night defendant told the witness that he was a detective in Shekhi and that he had arrested two men that day. He told the boy not to be surprised if he saw any strangers coming to visit him in the morning.

Taken To a Village.

In the morning, a man, who had the appearance of a country yokel, came to visit the defendant and they talked together for some time. The conversation was out of witness' hearing, but they later took him to a photographer's to have his picture taken. Afterwards they returned to the boarding house and wrote a letter and then they set out on foot for a certain village, the name of which the boy could not give.

At the village, the country yokel who met them in the boarding house, appeared to be the master of the hut where they put up. On the first night in the village, the defendant said that he was going away and told the boy he had nothing to be afraid of. He was away for six days and was not seen again by his boy uncle until he was in police custody in Hongkong. The boy's brother and the police went to the hut in the village on May 4th to bring him back to Hongkong.

The boy's mother then went into the witness box and said that when she missed her son on the 28th April she went to make enquiries from the school and was informed that the boy had left with his relation. A photo was shown to the teacher who identified the defendant. She made a report to the police. On May 2nd she received a letter which was left by someone in her shop in Jervois Street. On receiving the letter she sent out a few more nephews to look for the defendant and found him in Yau-mat. They took him back to the boy's master but he flatly denied that he knew the whereabouts of the boy. He was told that the teacher had identified him but he offered to go and see the teacher with the mother. The teacher, however,

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THREE AIR MISHAPS FEARED.

REWARD FOR LOST SOVIET BALLOON.

NO NEWS OF NUNGESSER.

London, May 11. Three air parties are now missing.

Nothing has yet been heard of Captain Nungesser, the trans-Atlantic flier, or of Saint Roman, who was flying to South America, and was last reported on May 7. Further, a Moscow message says that a Soviet balloon, with two occupants, was released on April 30 to test its capacities for a long flight, but has disappeared. A reward is offered for news.

Nungesser's Fate.

A New York message states that the flight from New York to Paris, which Chamberlain and Bertaud intended to start on May 13, has been postponed in view of a cable from the American Ambassador in Paris saying that in his opinion such an attempt now might be misunderstood by the French, who are deeply exercised at Nungesser's fate.—*Reuter.*

BRITAIN AND THE VATICAN.

MISSION TO HOLY SEE TO REMAIN.

London, May 11. Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked in the House of Commons whether the maintenance of the Legation at the Vatican was now regarded as a matter of permanent policy.

He replied, yes. The Government had no intention of withdrawing its mission from the Holy See. They found it convenient to establish this Legation at a time of international trouble, and to withdraw it now would, he thought, be a most offensive action to adopt. Apart from that, whatever views they might hold individually about the Roman Church there could be no doubt that the head of that church represented a great force in the world and was venerated by many millions of British subjects.—*British Wireless.*

BRITISH COLONIAL CONFERENCE.

REPLY FROM KING GEORGE.

London, May 11. The Colonial Conference was resumed to-day. The following reply was received from H.M. the King to the message addressed yesterday to His Majesty: "It has been a source of much pleasure to receive a message from the Governments and other representatives of the Colonies, Protectorates and Mandated Territories. The Queen joins with me in thanking them for this reinsurance of the loyalty and devotion of the many people whom they represent. I wish all success to the deliberations upon which they are about to enter."

The conference discussed the question of the training of civil servants for the Colonies.—*British Wireless.*

TORNADO CASUALTIES.

OVER 200 KILLED, 1,000 INJURED.

New York, May 11. Those killed in the tornadoes in the middle west over the week-end, as mentioned yesterday, now total 225, while 1,000 have been injured and hundreds are homeless. Eight States were affected by the tornadoes.—*Reuter American Service.*

BRITAIN'S TRADE.

THE APRIL FIGURES.

London, May 11. The Board of Trade returns for April show that British imports totalled \$100,750,000, and exports \$52,610,000.—*Reuter.*

ARMED ARAB RAID.

A PERSIAN OFFICIAL MURDERED.

BRITISH SAILORS LANDED.

Karachi, April 20.—The Persian Gulf correspondent of the *Daily Gazette* writes in to-day's issue as follows:

A party of Arabs from the Southern Coast of the Island of Henjam raided the Persian customs post on the Northern Coast early in the forenoon of 13th April. The Arabs, who were roughly eighty strong, carried a weird assortment of weapons, namely, swords, spears, daggers and all sorts of firearms, among which were Sniders and Mauser pistols. They were a wild looking lot of desperadoes altogether.

Collector Murdered.

They dragged the Mudir (Collector of Customs) out and killed him. The Persian postmaster was also attacked and would have suffered a similar fate to the Mudir had he not been saved by the intervention of the son-in-law of the Arab Sheikh with whom he was on friendly terms. He was only rescued in the nick of time. However he had already received a sword cut across the side of the head and a very severe blow with a club over the right shoulder blade when his friend arrived.

The Customs P. O.'s men disappeared at first sign of trouble but a post office servant, who is only a boy, received a sword cut over the fingers of one hand before he succeeded in escaping.

British Naval Party.

Meantime, at the request of the British Political Officer at Henjam H.M.S. "Lupin" landed a small party to see that no injury was done to British subjects, but it does not appear that the Arabs contemplated any overt action against Britishers, for we mixed freely with them, and walked about the village unarmed and unmolested throughout the day.

Having settled accounts with the Mudir, the Arabs proceeded to loot the Customs shed, first dismantling and smashing the Persian flagstaff in front of the Customs station by way of expressing their contempt for the Daulav-I-Iran. Goods lying in the Customs included certain naval canteen stores and a couple of (British) Government packages. These were left severely alone and the Arab raiders particularly requested that they might be removed by the British authorities so as to obviate the possibility of unfortunate mistakes.

A Palaver.

Later in the day, about 1.30 p.m. the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. "Lupin" (Captain-Cury) came ashore and had a "palaver" with the Sheikh, the result of which was that the Arabs were persuaded to return all the gear they had looted from the Customs and to return to their settlement on the other side of the island, without doing any further damage, protesting that they had absolutely no "grouse" against the "Daulat Ingles."

At present all is quiet. The "Lupin" landing party is still ashore on guard at the Customs presumably to prevent looting by local malcontents. The Mudir is to be buried to-morrow and all that remains to be seen is whether or not the Persian Government will take any action by way of reprisal for the outrage.

The "Casus Belli."

The following is an outline of the *casus belli*:—Persia claims sovereignty over the whole island of Henjam. During the late war and until late in 1925 British and Indian troops were in occupation. When Indian troops were removed, it was understood that Persian troops were to replace them as was done at Bushire, Jask and Chabar. The Persian troops who were to have come to Henjam have not materialised yet. However, the Arabs have a settlement in the southern coast of the island while the Persians maintain a Customs Post and post office in the northern side.

The Arab settlement is known as 'old' Henjam and is closely allied to the neighbouring Arab principality of Debal, which is

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200,000 MOBILISED. BIG OFFENSIVE IN PREPARATION.

Shanghai, May 11.
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has ordered the resumption of the general attack against the North. Forces to participate in the new war will include the 1st (Ho Ying-ching), 7th (Li Chung-yan), 10th (Wang Tien-pai), 18th (Pei Chung-hsi), 14th (Lai Shi-wang), 17th (Tao Wang-hsun), 33rd (Pei Wen-hwei), 37th (Chen Tiu-yuan) and the 40th (Ho Yu-tso) Nationalist armies. The total number of troops thus mobilized exceeds 200,000.

According to Marshal Chiang's plan the Nationalists are to advance along three different directions.

The central force will first take Pukow and then operate along the Tientsin-Pukow line, with Hsuehchow as its objective. This force will be under the personal direction of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, with General Pei Chung-hsi as field-marshal and General Chen Tiu-yuan in command of the vanguards. General Pei has entrusted the garrison of Shanghai to General Chau Feng-chi and will remain in Nanking directing the military operations on behalf of Marshal Chiang.

The left wing is operating in the Chinkiang region. This force is under the personal command of General Ho Ying-ching. Its aim is to cross the Yangtze and to clean up the Sun Chuan-fang forces on the northern bank in Kiangsu.

The Right Wing will operate in Anhwei against the northerners and at the same time against the Reds from Hupeh. General Li Chung-yan, commanding part of the best Nationalist troops—the Kwangsi troops—is field-marshal on this front.

Simultaneous Attack.

Three forces are to commence a general attack simultaneously. Marshal Chiang told his friends that the Nationalists will be able to clean up northern Kiangsu and drive the Shantung forces back on Shantung within three weeks. Fighting on the Chingkiang front continues. General Ho Ying-ching left Chingkiang to inspect his troops yesterday morning. Sun Chuan-fang's troops are concentrated in Nantung on the opposite side of the River and are preparing to start another cross river campaign, having commandeered a number of vessels for this purpose.

On the Anhwei front, the Shantung forces are concentrated in Hefei and Tingshan. There were 60,000 Shantung troops in Hefei under the command of General Chang Chin-yau. They have been in severe fighting with the Nationalists the last few days.

General Chen Ming-shiu, who was dismissed from Hankow by the Reds, resumed his office as Commander of the 11th Nationalist Army in Nanking yesterday.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

Reports Conditions.

Shanghai, May 11.

Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang returned to Peking yesterday and made a report to his father, Chang Tso-lin, on the military situation of the lower Yangtze. General Yang Yu-ting, chief of staff to the Ankuochun, will come to Peking on the 16th, to take up important military affairs with his chief.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

Cutting Expenses.

Shanghai, May 11.

The Fengtien Party decided to cut down seventy per cent of the administrative expenses in Peking so as to swell the war chest. The cabinet will be reorganized after the Summer Festival and General Chin Yun-peng, an ex-Premier, is expected to be the successful candidate for the premiership.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

COLONIAL CONFERENCE. SCIENTIFIC WORK.

London, May 11.

Referring to Mr. L. S. Amery's plea for closer cooperation in scientific work at the opening of the Colonial Conference, the Times expresses the opinion that it should not be difficult to establish a service for scientific workers similar to that existing for administrative officers. The total volume of scientific work in progress under the Dominion and Crown Colony's government is so vast and shows such signs of increasing that to man should be allowed to feel that he is jeopardising his personal interests by accepting even a very temporary work in the poorest of the colonies. Even the wealthiest colonies would gain much by the creation of a corps of scientific workers whose pool of knowledge would be available for any Crown Colony at a financial cost far below anything conceivable in any other way. If the conference successfully takes this question in hand, it will abundantly justify its birth, even though it makes little headway in other parts of the agenda.—Reuter.

"A Thing Unique."

London, May 11.

The Morning Post commenting on the opening of the Colonial Conference says that the Crown Colonies, Protectorates and mandated territories are at present examples of what a Government should be. They are conducted by rulers who are personally responsible for the administration, while under them are young men, often in sole charge of vast savage territories, where they administer justice, maintain peace and bring healing sustenance to people with whose welfare they are entrusted.

"The British Colonial service is a thing unique in the world."—Reuter.

The Agenda.

The agenda of the Conference is as follows:

(A) Questions of General Administration—(1) Recruiting and training of Colonial Civil servants; (2) General conditions of service of officers in the Colonial Service; (3) Relation of technical to administrative services; (4) Procedure and conduct of business in Colonial Legislatures.

(B) Economic Questions Covering Trade and Communications.—(1) Existing and future agencies in London; (2) Recent developments in mechanical transport; (3) Relation of road transport to railway development; (4) Civil air development in the Colonies, &c.; (5) Wireless communications, internal and external, and broadcasting; (6) Participation of Colonies, &c., in international exhibitions.

(C) Problems of Technical Services.—(1) Co-operation and exchange of information between Colonial Governments, particularly in research and technical matters; (2) Medical education, including training of subordinate personnel; (3) Development of medical research; (4) Sanitation, town planning, housing, &c.; (5) Agriculture and agricultural research; (6) Forestry; (7) Education. (a) Constitution of an Advisory Council on Education to cover education in all the Colonies, Protectorates, and Mandated Territories, (b) Arrangements for the supervision of Colonial students in England, and (c) Examination standards for the local entry of clerks, &c., into the Colonial Service; (8) Films, their educational use, and censorship.

The history of the decline of the Roman Empire is repeating itself in Europe, declares Cardinal Piff, Archbishop of Vienna. He denounces small families, modern dress of women and the more recent dances as sure signs that European civilization is decaying. But he says the fox-trot, tango and shimmy are harmless.

EMPIRE MIGRATION. EX-CEYLON PLANTER'S MUNIFICENCE.

London, April 22.

Mr. L. F. W. Davidson, the ex-Ceylon planter, has added £20,000 to the £30,000 he gave a year ago to assist Empire migration schemes.

Writing regarding Mr. Davidson's first gift, the London correspondent of the Times of Ceylon says: Mr. Davidson's gift of £30,000 to Sir Robert Horne for an emigration scheme has aroused much interest here. Apparently Mr. Davidson was interested in a speech made at Elgin last November when Sir Robert pleaded the advantages of sending out young men to the Overseas Dominions. Mr. Davidson has visited practically all parts of the British Empire, and looking to the present distress in the Home country, he holds it would be to the benefit of the Empire if the right type of emigrant would settle in the more thinly populated areas overseas. He presented the cheque to Sir Robert Horne unconditionally, and Sir Robert has since been in consultation with the Colonial Office and is now engaged going through the available schemes to consider which are the best. While he has not yet formulated any plan, he has decided that the money will be disbursed in comparatively large sums to include systems of training as well as emigration. One of the points yet to be decided is whether part of the training job should not be undertaken at Home before the grant for emigration is given.

At a meeting at Glasgow on March 3rd, 1926, Sir Robert Horne announced that he had received a gift of £30,000 from Mr. Leybourne Davidson, of Huntley, Aberdeenshire, a pioneer in the rubber industry, to assist a scheme of emigration to Dominions requiring population.

HINDUS PROTEST.

DEFILEMENT OF A SACRED POOL.

Allahabad, April 11.

The gravest consequences are feared as a result of a dispute in connection with a bridge over a bathing pool in the holy city of Hardwar, on the River Ganges, where the great "Kumbh-Mela," a festival of peculiar sanctity which is held every twelve years, will shortly be celebrated.

Hindus from all parts of India have been moving for the past month, by road and rail, to Hardwar. The authorities estimate that the pilgrims now number nearly 3,000,000.

The police, official, and sanitary arrangements made to cope with the temporary increase in the population of the city have been working hitherto without a hitch. Agitation has arisen suddenly in consequence of a temporary bridge over the sacred pool, erected specially for the festival.

Hindus, led by Pandit Madan Mohar Malaviya, are protesting against its retention, since it is said to defile the pool, and threaten passive resistance on Wednesday unless it is removed in the meantime. Wednesday is the most important bathing day.

Pandit Malaviya has appealed to Sir William Maria, Governor of the United Provinces, to intervene.

Stringent police regulations are required to prevent the crowd from trampling one another to death and drowning each other in the sacred water of the bathing pool at Hardwar, "Door of Vishnu." Riots were formerly common, and in 1760 rival sects had a battle in which 19,000 are said to have perished. The advantage, supposed to be derived from bathing in the Ganges is the cleansing from all sins.

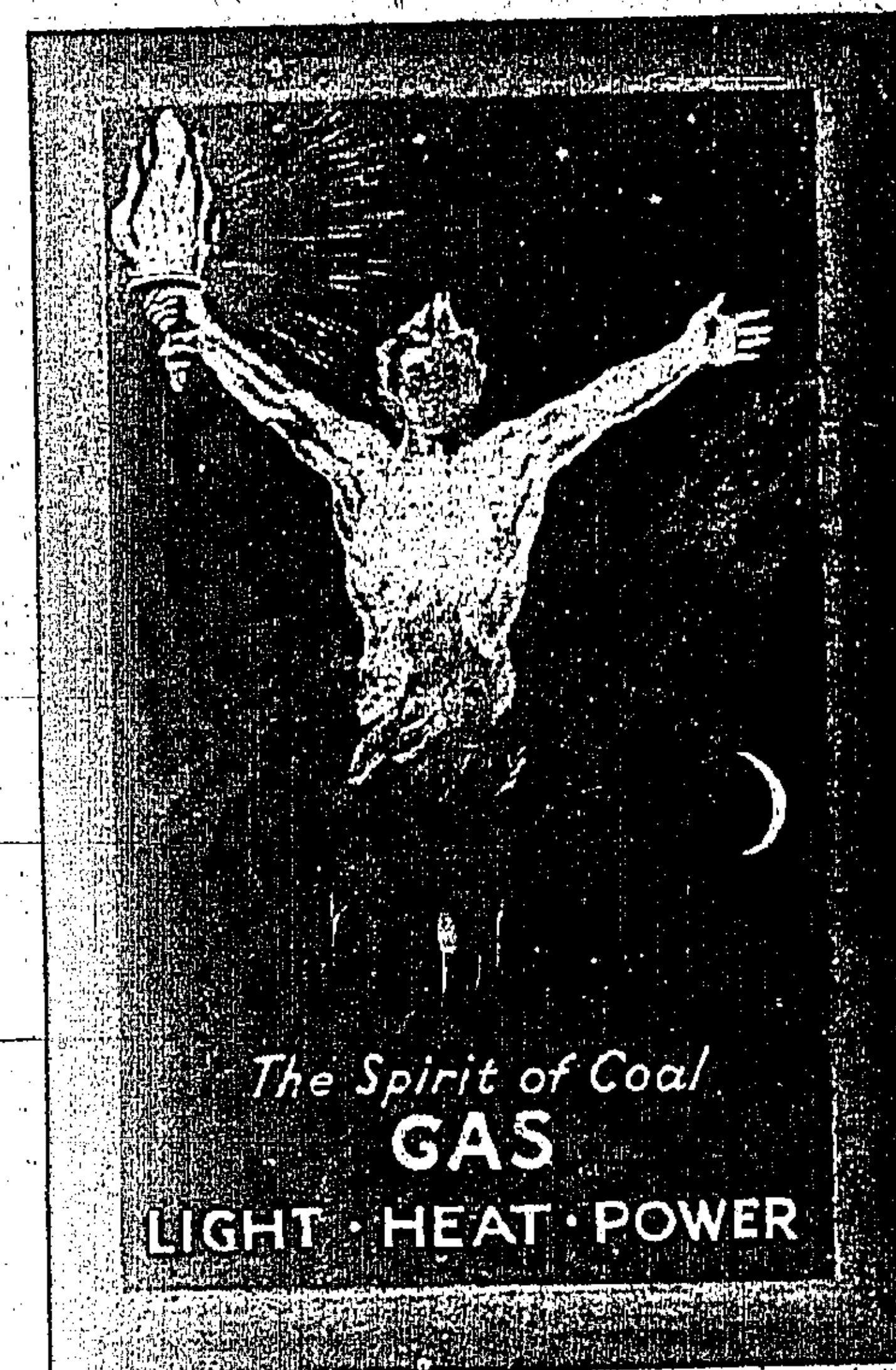
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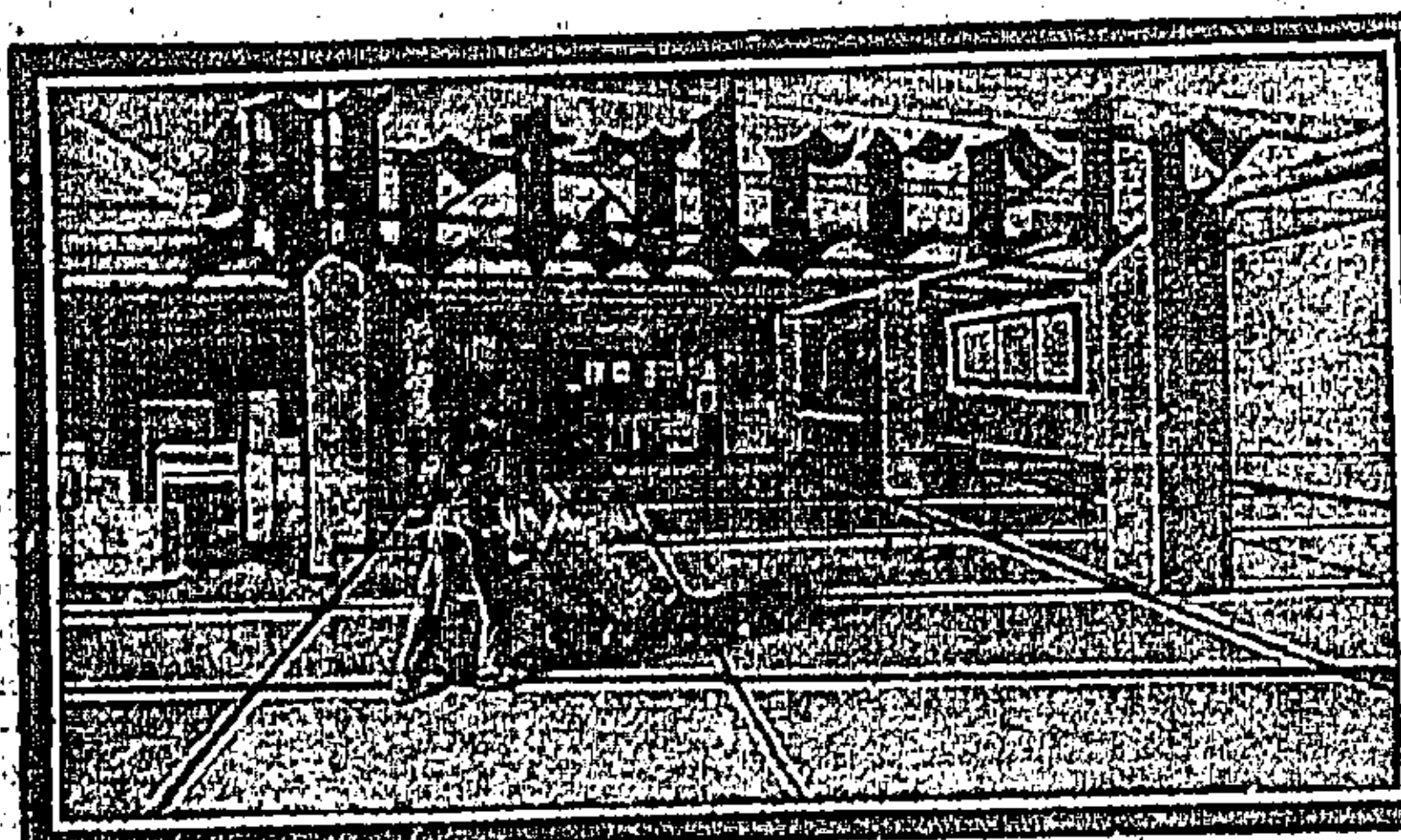
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AMERICAN JURYWOMEN.—These are the six women of the Ford-Sapiro jury off duty. The jurywomen are whiling away a few hours between hearings by trumping their partners' aces. One of them granted an interview before the case had concluded, and the jury were discharged.



CROSSING THE STREAM.—Boys of Bradfield College, Berkshire, taking the water towards the end of the Sontor Steeplechase at the annual sports. The winner, L. E. Hunt, won easily. A rope marked the course across the stream. (Times copyright).

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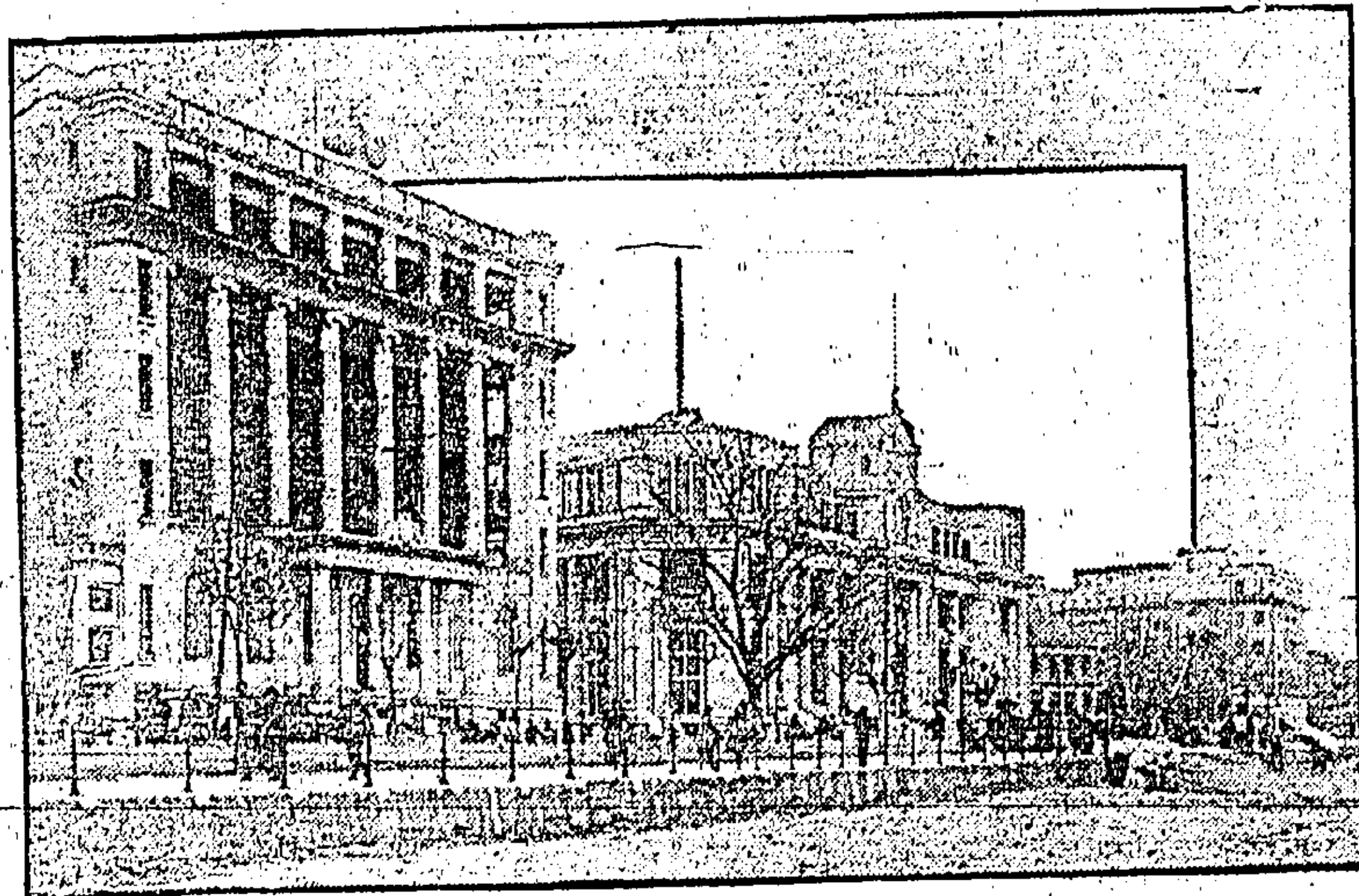
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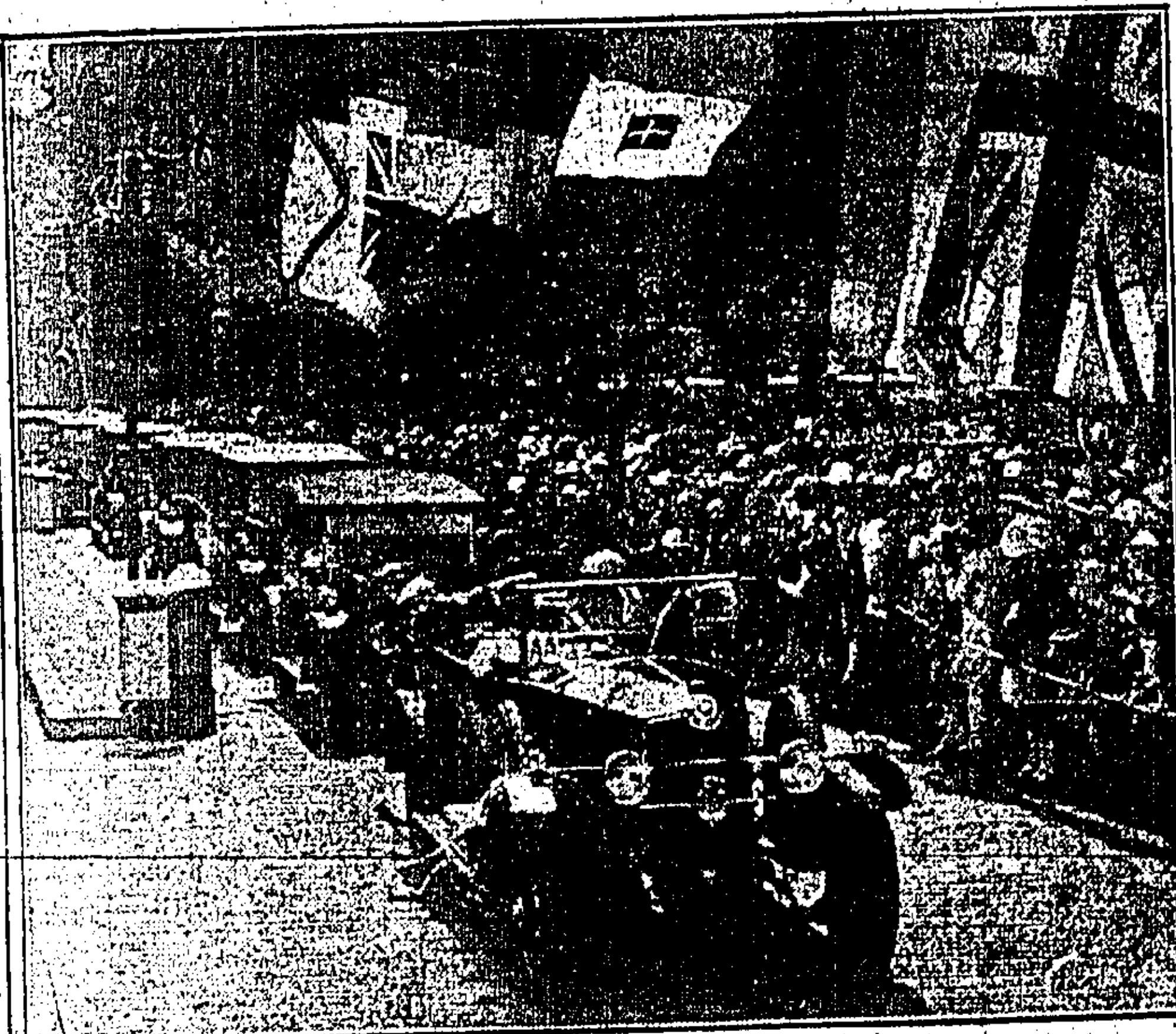
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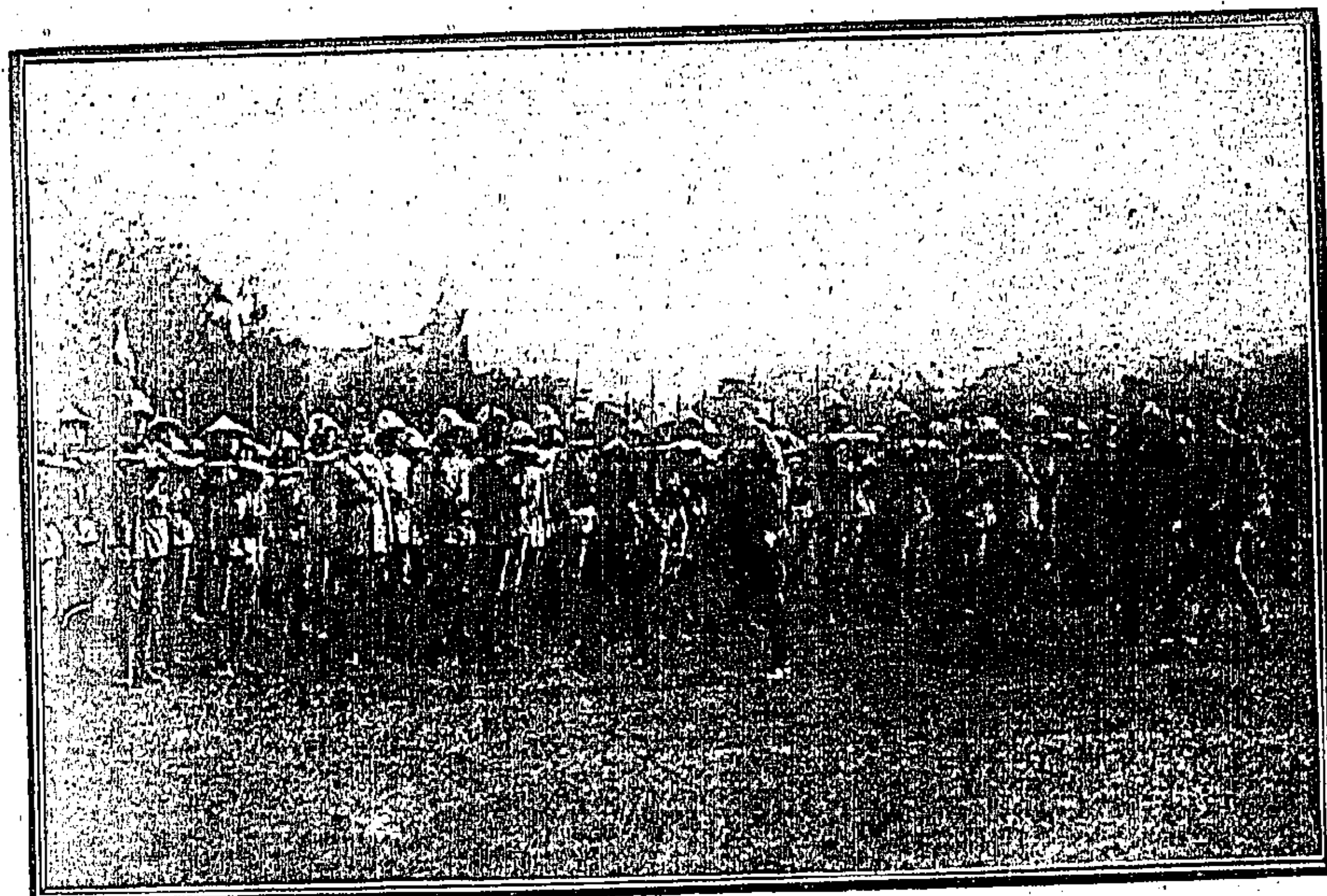
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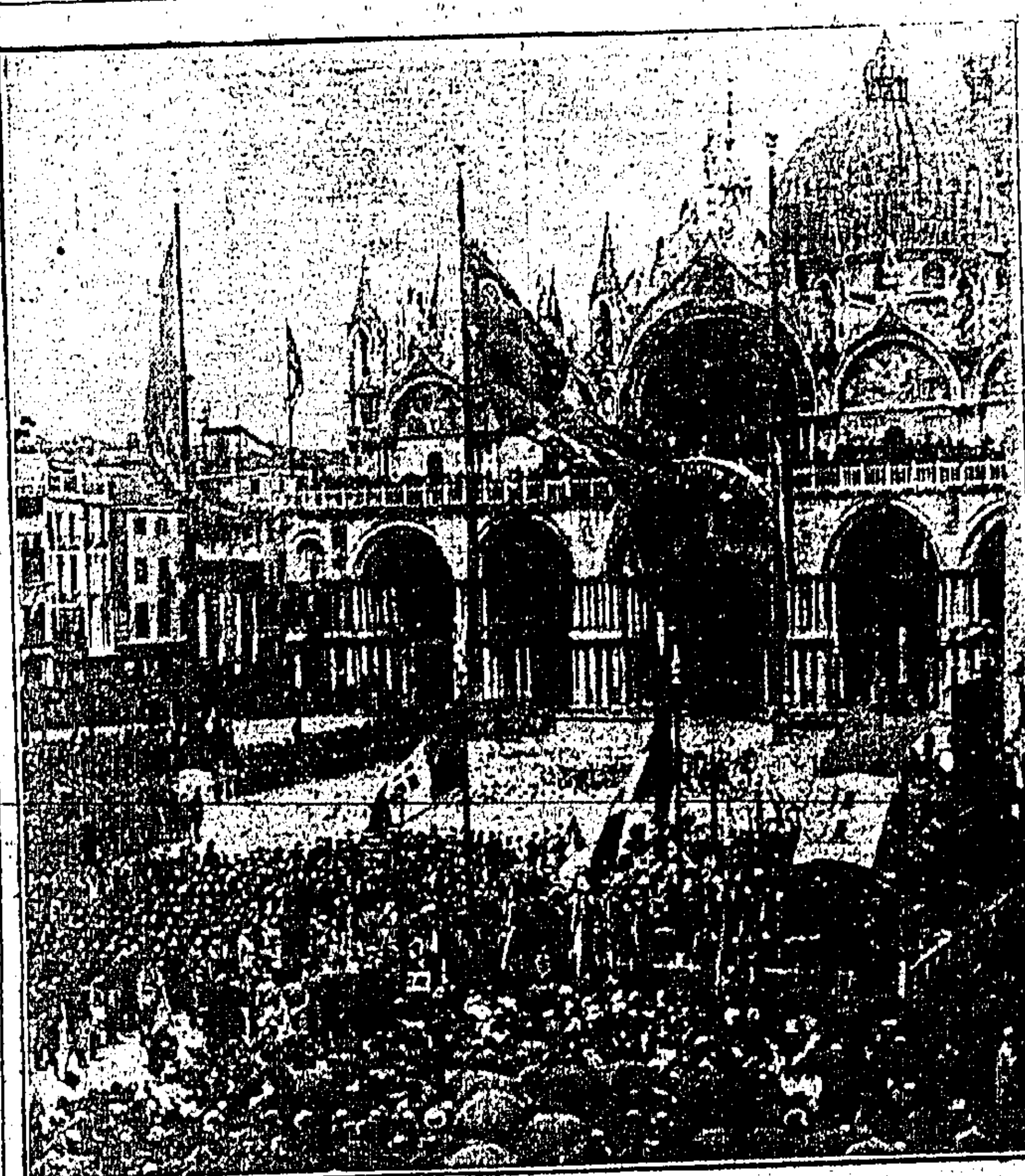
THE HANKOW BANKS.—Left to right are the buildings of the National City Bank of New York, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and the P. C. building, where foreigners are concentrated, at Hankow.



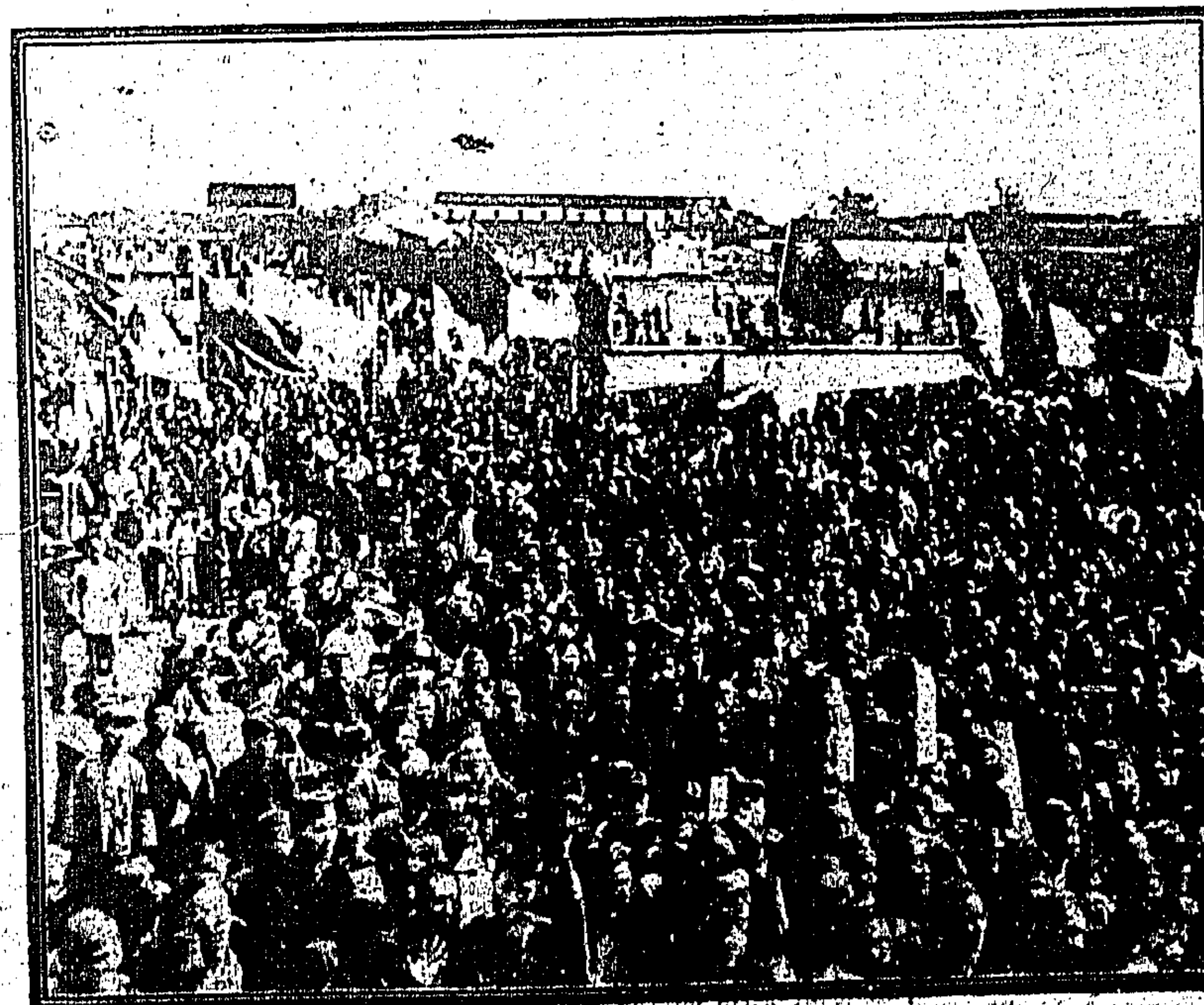
DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK IN NEW ZEALAND.—The scene in Queen Street, Auckland, as the Duke and Duchess drove to the Civic Hall through streets decked with flags and streamers and densely lined with cheering crowds. In his address the Mayor said it was the "proud claim" of the New Zealanders that they were "a new England, a southern Britain". (Times copyright).



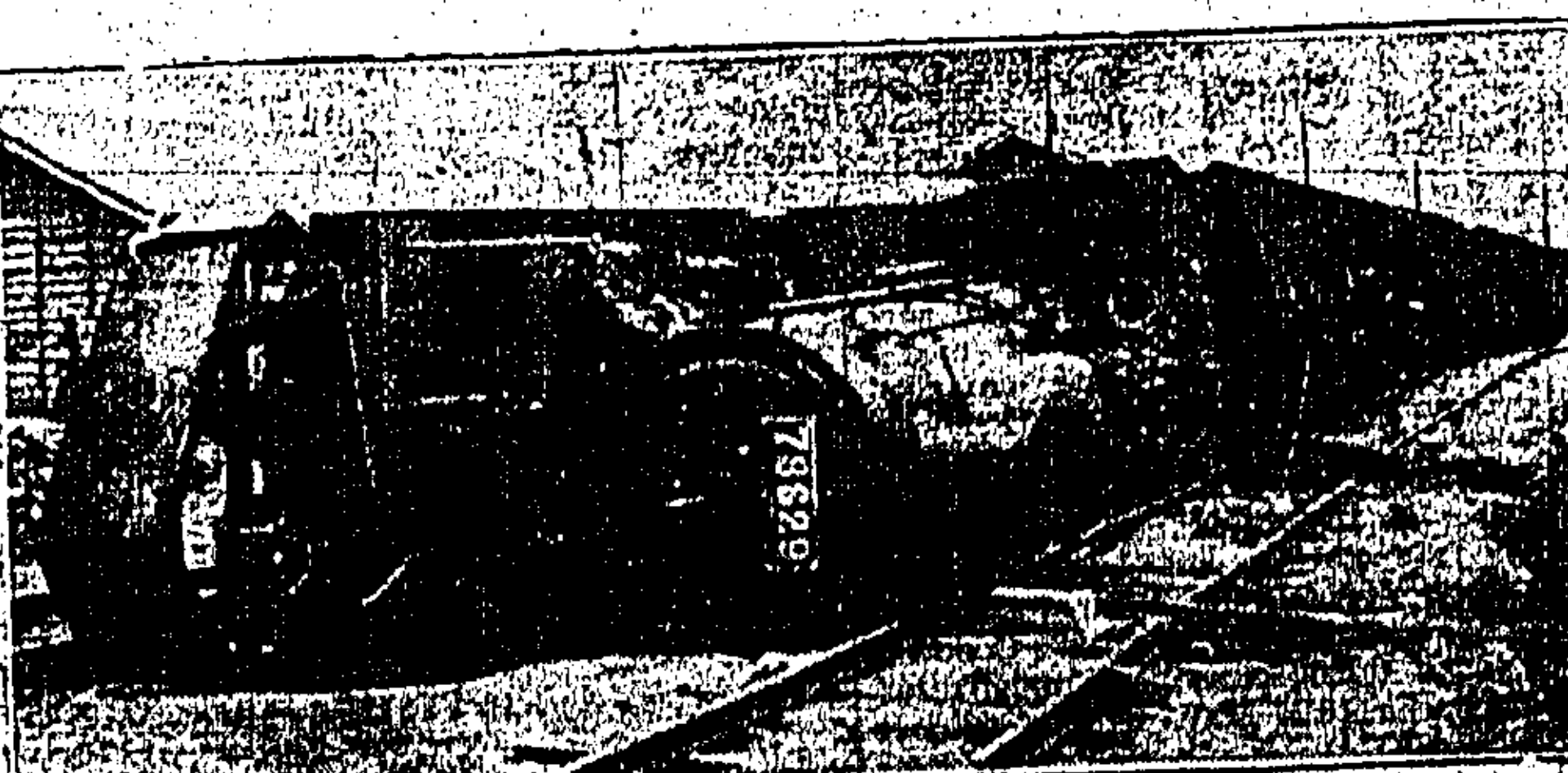
FRENCH REVIEW AT SHANGHAI.—Admiral Basire, accompanied by M. Nagliar, French Consul-General, and Colonel Lumbias recently inspected 2,000 troops of the French Defence Force in the French Park at Shanghai. Large crowds witnessed the ceremony.



EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF FASCISM.—The demonstration in front of St. Mark's, Venice, in celebration of the eighth anniversary of the rise of Fascism. The occasion was marked by great demonstrations in Rome, Milan, and all parts of Italy. (Times copyright).



MASS MEETING AT SOOCHOW.—A view of the crowd which recently attended a meeting at Soochow to protest against the execution of three members of the Kuomintang who were put to death on the order of General Bai Chung-hai.



JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE.—There was a heavy death-roll in the recent earthquake in Western Japan, and several small towns and many villages were partly destroyed. Our photograph shows an overturned train which left the track at Amjino during the upheaval. (Times copyright).



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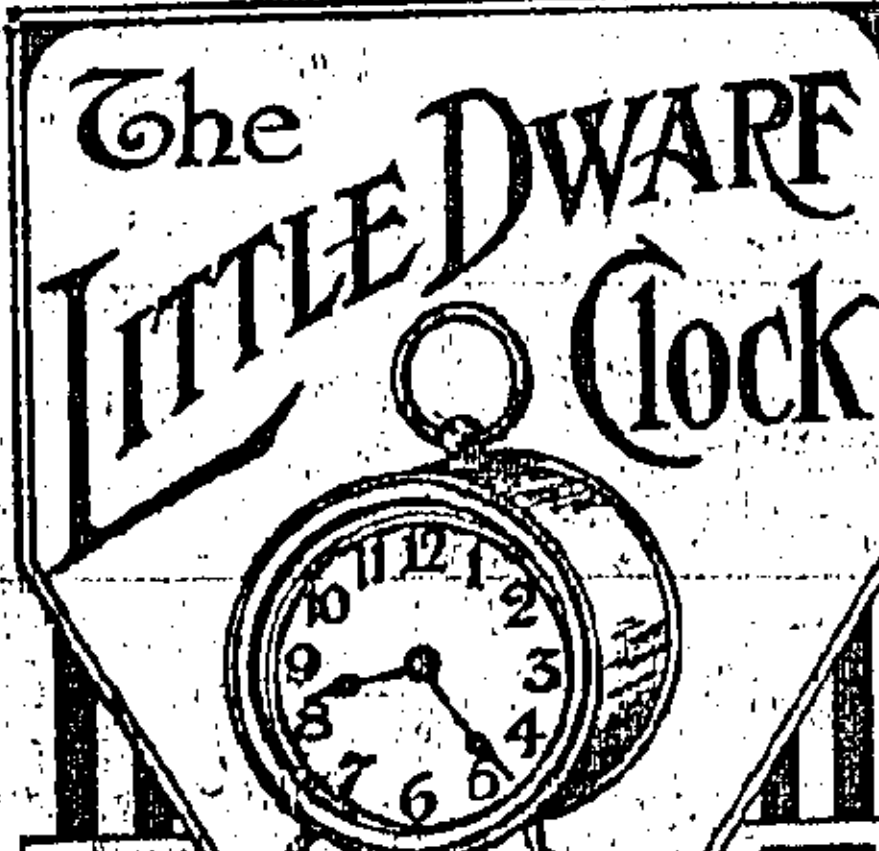
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THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, on Saturday, the 21st of May, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st of December 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 21st of May, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers. Hongkong 6th May, 1927.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A General Meeting of Members will be held on MONDAY, the 16th May, 1927, at 4 o'clock in the CITY HALL, Hongkong, to nominate a Member of the Chamber for appointment to the Legislative Council for the usual term of four years, in succession to the Hon. Mr. D. C. M. Bernard. This nomination becomes necessary as the Hon. Mr. Bernard will be future remain a member of the Legislative Council as appointed by His Excellency the Governor.

Notice in writing of the Names of Candidates and their Proposers and Secondors to be lodged with the Secretary at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting.

By Order, M. F. KEY, Secretary. Hongkong, 4th May, 1927.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 20th May, 1927, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order, of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, General Manager. Hongkong, April 25th, 1927.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 20th May, 1927, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order, of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, General Manager. Hongkong, April 25th, 1927.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 20th May, 1927, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order, of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, General Manager. Hongkong, April 25th, 1927.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

The University Calendar for 1927 is now available. Copies can be obtained on application to the Registrar. Price \$1.00 a copy.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

EIGHTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

Saturday, 14th May, 1927, at 9.15 p.m.

THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENT. Featherweight Championship of the Colony 15 Round Contest.

A. B. Hindle, H.M.S. "Delhi," and Five other contestants.

Booking at Moutries. Members—11th and 12th May. General Public—13th and 14th May.

USUAL PRICES.

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Sealed Tenders will be received at the Office of the O.C., R.A.S.C., Headquarters, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong until 12 noon on the dates stated, for the undermentioned services for the periods as stated:—

For a period of six months commencing 1st July, 1927. Coal, Japanese House, 31st May, 1927.

Coal, Japanese Steam, 31st May, 1927.

Coal, Smiths, 31st May, 1927.

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Tender Forms and any necessary information may be obtained at the above office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily except Sundays.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-sixth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 17th May, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents; together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1926.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 3rd to the 17th May 1927, both days inclusive.

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General Agents. Hongkong, 26th April, 1927.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th May, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 1st June, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, May 12, 1927.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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At No. 23, Humphreys Building, Kowloon.

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The story of a nursing home run by a man and wife, who were frequently drunk, and by one maid-of-all-work, who did the housework and attended to 15 or 20 bed-ridden people, was told by Dr. Shiels (Lab., E. Edinburgh) in the House of Commons last month.

Dr. Shiels, who was a member of the Select Committee on the subject, was supporting the second reading of the Nursing Homes Registration Bill moved by Mrs. Phillips (U. Berwick). He added that the fees for this particular home were from 15s. to 25s. a week. The linen was not changed for weeks and the place was verminous.

Mrs. Hilton Phillips's measure provides for the registration and inspection of nursing homes by local authorities. She explained her project with admirable lucidity, and was warmly congratulated by Miss Margaret Bondfield and other members on her success in obtaining a second reading without a division.

Registration was recommended some time ago by a Government committee which investigated the matter, and Mr. Hurst (U. Moss Side, Manchester), among others, complained of the existence of hundreds of institutions with no qualified nurses on the staff which it is a mockery to call nursing homes. These bogus institutions, it seemed, cater specially for old and infirm people, who are inveigled into them and scandalously treated.

No Legal Significance.

At present the expensive nursing home has no legal significance, and the public are persuaded to enter these institutions where the treatment given is worse than useless.

One condition of registration laid down in the Bill is that all homes should be adequately staffed and that the superintendent, at least, should be a qualified nurse.

Sir D. Newton, seconded by Mr. Harrison, moved the rejection of the Bill on the ground that it gave undue centralisation.

Dr. Drummond Shiels said he would like to see it applied to Scotland. He did not see why his country could be left out of such an excellent measure. There was nothing in the Bill which would prevent a slight alteration so as to make it applicable to Scotland and during Committee stage he would seek to effect that amendment.

The Under Secretary for Scotland (Major Elliot), expressing the views of the Government, said that the case for registration and inspection appeared to be made out, but the machinery of the Bill was a matter of some little controversy.

Scotland Left Out.

He was afraid he could hold out no hope of bringing Scotland into the Bill by a side wind at a later stage. Certain divergencies of law existed between the two countries, and it was only reasonable that they should be recognised. The Government hoped the Bill would have a second reading and would find its way to the Statute Book.

Mr. Johnston (Lab., Dundee) regretted that the Bill did not apply to Scotland. The tendency towards centralisation was to be deplored. He could not see why a medical officer of health should not retain supervision of all health matters within his area without having another medical authority superimposed upon him. There would be a large measure of support for maintaining as full a municipal control as possible.

He protested against the Bill not giving to women and children in Scotland the advantages it gave to the women and children of England.

Sir Cyril Cobb (U. Fulham, West) thought it a blot on public health administration that there should be so many nursing homes in existence which were responsible to no one.

The amendment was negatived without a division, and the second reading agreed to.

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The Radio, Telegraph Service between Hongkong and Swatow has been resumed and telegrams for Swatow are now accepted under the same conditions and at the same rates as for Canton.

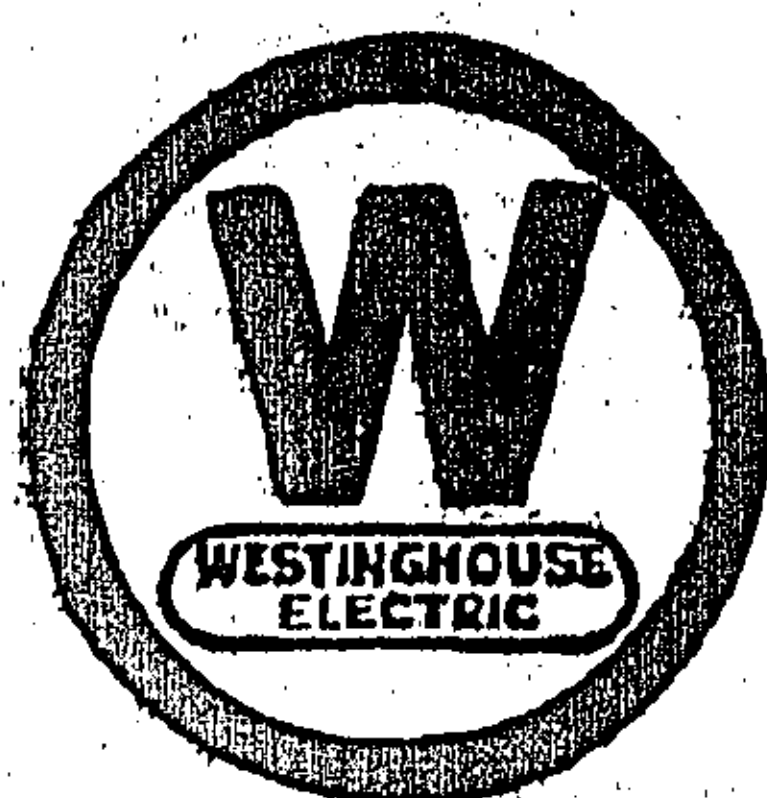
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INWARD MAILS.

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Shanghai	Kanchow	May 12.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Nellore	May 13.
Europe via Suez (letters and papers)		
London 14th April, and parcels	Kashmir	May 13.
Shanghai	Soochow	May 5.
Straits	Fushimi Maru	May 15.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai		
India	Pros. Cleveland	May 15.
Straits	Talamba	May 15.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Canada	May 16.
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Straits	Hakozaki Maru	May 29.

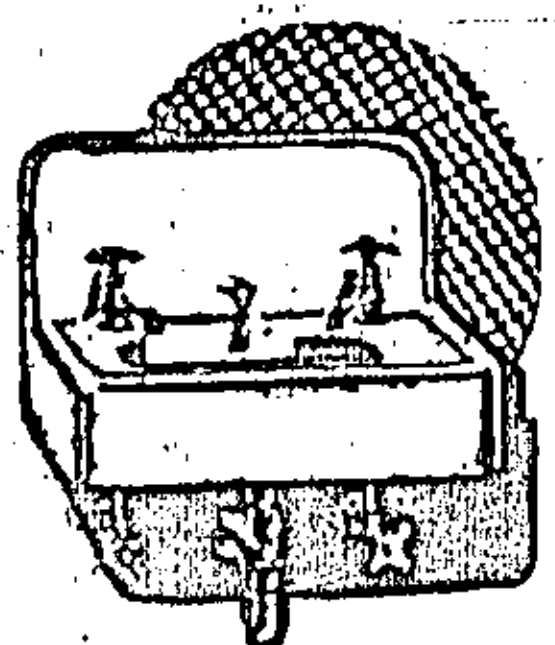
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Saigon	Meiko Maru Thurs., May 12, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow	Svala Thurs., May 12, 3.30 p.m.
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Macau	Cheunchow Thurs., May 12, 3.45 p.m.
Amoy	Pooksang Thurs., May 12, 5 p.m.
Japan	Bandoeng Maru Thurs., May 12, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong Fri., May 13, noon
Weihsai	Hulchow Fri., May 13, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Kashmir Sat., May 14, 10 a.m.
Europe via Suez (letters and papers)	
London 14th April, and parcels	
Siberia	Siberia Maru Sat., May 14, Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due San Francisco 10th June).
G. P. O.	Parcels 5 p.m. Registration 5 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due Marseilles 11th June).
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Nellore Sat., May 14, Parcels 5 p.m. Registration 5 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due Marseilles 11th June).
Amoy	Anking Sat., May 14, 6 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kiangsu Sun., May 15, 8.30 a.m.
Saigon	Tjiwang Sun., May 15, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow via Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Katjo Maru Sun., May 15, 9 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Fushimi Maru Mon., May 16, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Laisang Mon., May 16, Parcels Noon Letters 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Haiching Tues., May 17, Noon
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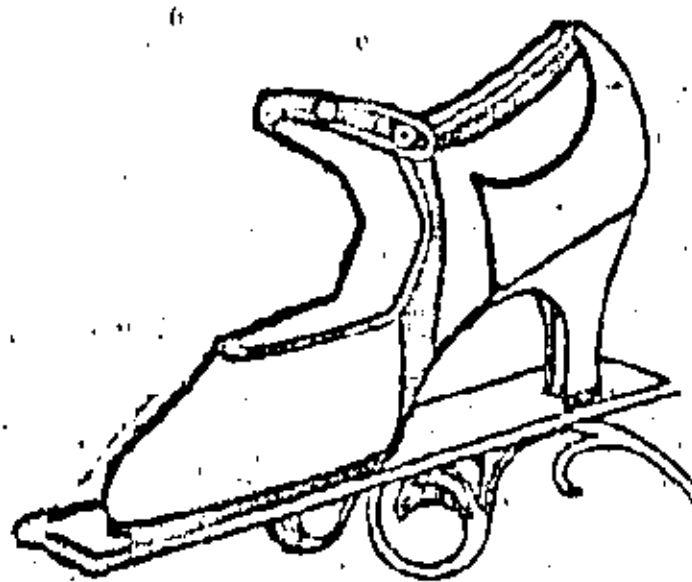
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NATIONALIST POLICY.

A NEW OUTLINE BY C. C. WU.

Shanghai, May 11.
C. C. Wu, the new Foreign
Minister of the Nationalist Gov-
ernment, (in Nanking) attended
the Central Political Council yes-
terday and announced that the
future foreign policy of the Na-
tionalist Government would be:
1. No radical activities.
2. When time is opportune the abo-
lition of unequal treaties will be
taken up with the foreign Powers.
3. Attack on foreign imperialism
does not mean anti-foreignism.
Wah Kiu Yat Po.

ROUND THE WORLD.

TRAVELLERS BY PRESIDENT
GARFIELD.

The round world liner President
Garfield of the Dollar Line (Cap-
tain Lowry), arrived on Tuesday
with 17 disembarking passengers
and 48 for ports beyond, 250 bags
mail, 1,500 tons cargo for Hong-
kong and 2,520 tons freight in
transit.

Among those disembarking here
were Captain S. C. Dildine, U. S.
Army, stopping over at Hongkong
on route to Manila from Shanghai.
Mr. Chester A. Gile, Assistant-
Secretary of the Miller Rubber
Export Co.

Mr. D. H. Hazell, Export Mana-
ger of the Amalgamated Photo
Mfg. Co., returning from North
China.

Mr. Robert Steops of the Ham-
mon Advertising Co., New York,
en route to Singapore.

Through passengers, many of
whom were bound for Europe,
numbered 48, among whom were
Mr. William Jefferson, son of the
famous actor Joseph Jefferson, on
tour around the world.

Dr. W. T. Ni, late Councillor of
the Peking Cabinet, travelling to
Genoa; Mr. and Mrs. George Sax,
connected with the administration
of the Salt Tax at Peking, return-
ing to Marseilles.

Mr. Samuel Roberts, Vice Presi-
dent of the De Haven Steel Mills,
New York.

Captain Edward Dignowity, U.
S. Army, returning to Manila;
Lieut. Chandler, U. S. Army, re-
turning to Manila from Kobe;

Mr. R. R. Marsh, Export Mana-
ger of the Paraffine Products Co.,
San Francisco on a business trip
through the Orient;

Mr. Henry U. Umstad, many
years resident of the Philippines,
returning for McLeod and Com-
pany, Manila;

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Jones, of
the General Motors Company,
Supervisor of the Far Eastern
Territory;

Mr. W. G. Hall, Vice President
of the Honolulu Iron Works, tra-
velling from Honolulu to Manila;
Messrs. Cereon, Viero, Mas-
samini, and Del Rocca, members
of the Italian Military Flying
Corps, en route from Kobe to
Naples;

BRITAIN'S POLICY.

PRESS APPROVAL.

London, May 11.

The *Financial Times* commen-
ting on Sir Austen Chamberlain's
statement on China in the
House of Commons, de-
clares it is justifiable. To
read into Sir Austen Cham-
berlain's review of recent events,
an attitude of confidence that the
tide has turned, China is to be
congratulated on the fact that Mr.
Eugene Chen does not retain a
shred of power or authority, and
it may now be hoped that an era
of useful co-operation will be in-
augurated wherein the British re-
presentative should be cast for a
leading part. The worst that can
be said of the present situation, is
that the chances of willing co-
operation are improved. A con-
tinuance of patience and tact will
repay our efforts and enhance
our prestige in the long run.
Reuter.

FRENCH COMMUNISTS.

TWO MEN AND A WOMAN
SENTENCED.

Paris, May 11.

M. Doriot the Communist de-
puty who has been travelling in
China and Indo-China has been
sentenced to thirteen months' im-
prisonment for subversive agita-
tion.
The notorious Communists, M.
Cassini and M. Monmousseau, to six

OBITUARY.

A WELL-KNOWN AMERICAN
DENDROLOGIST.

Professor C. S. Sargent, who
had a world-wide reputation as a
dendrologist, died at his home at
Brookline, near Boston, Massachu-
setts, not long before his 86th
birthday.

Charles Sprague Sargent was
descended from William Sargent,
who emigrated to America from
Gloucester in the 17th century.
He was born at Boston on April
24, 1841, and graduated at Har-
vard in 1862. He immediately
joined the Federal Army as an
aide-de-camp on the headquarters
staff of the Department of the
Gulf with the rank of second lieu-
tenant, and remained in the ser-
vice till August, 1865, when he
was mustered out with the rank of
brevet major. After travelling in
Europe for three years he returned
to America and took up the
study of botany, devoting himself
more especially to the trees and
shrubs of North America.

In 1872 he became director of the
then newly instituted Arnold
Arboretum at Jamaica Plain, near
Boston, which forms part of the
botanical equipment of his old
university. To the development
of this institution he gave up the
rest of his life, his whole energy,
and not a little of his wealth, with
the result that it became as
famous as it is unique. It differs
from botanic gardens in general,
in that it is concerned solely with
trees and shrubs hardy enough
to withstand the rigours of the
Eastern North American winters,
which freeze the ground to a
depth of many feet. To enrich its
collections and in pursuit of his
studies, Sargent travelled over the
North American continent so
systematically that he had seen all
but a few of the native trees in
their habitats. In 1879 he began
a complete survey, which took five
years, of the forest areas of the
United States, and his report led
to the establishment of the Bureau
of Forestry and to the Act setting
aside 19,000,000 acres as per-
petual forest reserves.

Sargent's *magnus opus*, "The
Silva of North America," pub-
lished between 1891 and 1902, is in
14 quarto volumes, and is splen-
dently illustrated. In 1892 he in-
vestigated the trees of Japan and
published his "Forest Flora of
Japan" two years later, and he
was the author of various other
works on trees and forests.
During the last 20 years he had
been largely concerned in the
botanical exploration of Western
China and the introduction to
cultivation of hardy plants from
that country, and the last journey
to China of Mr. E. H. Wilson, the
explorer and for many years past
Assistant Director of the Arnold
Arboretum, were made under Sar-
gent's direction and inspiration.

Sargent edited "Plantae
Wilsonianae," published in
1913, an enumeration of
all the woody plants
Wilson had found in Western
China during the two expeditions
he made for Harvard University.
Sargent's judgments of plants
were sound, and as the directors
of the botanic gardens of this
country and his friends here have
reason to know, his generosity was
unbounded.

Not the least of his services to
botanical science was his founding
in 1883 of *Garden and Forest*, an
excellent weekly journal which
he edited until 1897. He was
chairman of the Commission for
the Preservation of the Adiron-
dack Forests in 1885, and of that
appointed by the National
Academy of Sciences to determine
a policy of management for the
national forests in 1896-7.

months and fines of 2,000 francs,
and Suzanne Giraud to ten months.
The authorities have asked the
suspension of parliamentary im-
munity in the case of the Com-
munist deputies, M. Marty, M. Cla-
manus and M. Duclos.—Reuter.

BYZANTINE FINDS.

RELICS OF DAYS OF
CONSTANTINE.

The British expedition, which is
making an effort to reconstruct the
glorious past of the Byzantine
Empire, on the site of the ancient
Hippodrome, near the famous
mosque of Sancta Sophia, in Stam-
boul, have already (says a Central
News message from Constantinople)
discovered the mummy of a
Byzantine chariot driver or jockey,
a case containing gold and pre-
cious jewels, said to be the trea-
sure of the greatest of Byzantine
Emperors, the Emperor Constantine,
a small pyramid like those in
Egypt, a statue of Venus, and
other very important relics. The
finds have caused a sensation
among scientists in the city.

The excavations have been in
progress for over a week in the
Stamboul district of Sultan
Ahmed, where the Hippodrome is
situated, under the direction of
Mr. Casson, Professor of Archae-
ology at Oxford University, and
while digging operations were in
progress between the serpent
column—originally brought to
Byzantium by the Emperor Con-
stantine in 329 A.D. from Delphi
(Greece)—and the second obelisk,
the pickaxe of a labourer struck
something hard in the earth.

Death in Hour of Victory.

Further excavations brought to
light the small pyramid at the
base of which was a Greek inscrip-
tion. Mr. Casson was able to de-
cipher the words as follows:—

"Here died Justinus, the most
valiant and the most renowned
chariot conductor of the Hippo-
drome. For the glory of His
Majesty the King and the Hippo-
drome, and his remembrance are
perpetuated in his spot."

Underneath the Greek inscrip-
tion was discovered a bas relief
representing the hero with his
horse.

To the assembled journalists
Mr. Casson stated that a recent
German publication which treats
of the Byzantine epoch contains an
important fact which perhaps is
in co-relation with this discovery.
One day the games and races were
organised in honour of the Em-
peror Justinus. The jockey came
first in the race, and at the moment
he was about to be honoured with
the crown of victory from the
hands of the Emperor he fell from
his horse and was seriously
injured.

The Emperor ordered his im-
mediate removal to the Royal
Palace, where he succumbed to his
injuries. To perpetuate his
memory, he was buried in the Hip-
podrome, and a tomb similar to
those in Egypt was erected.

A Venus Statue.

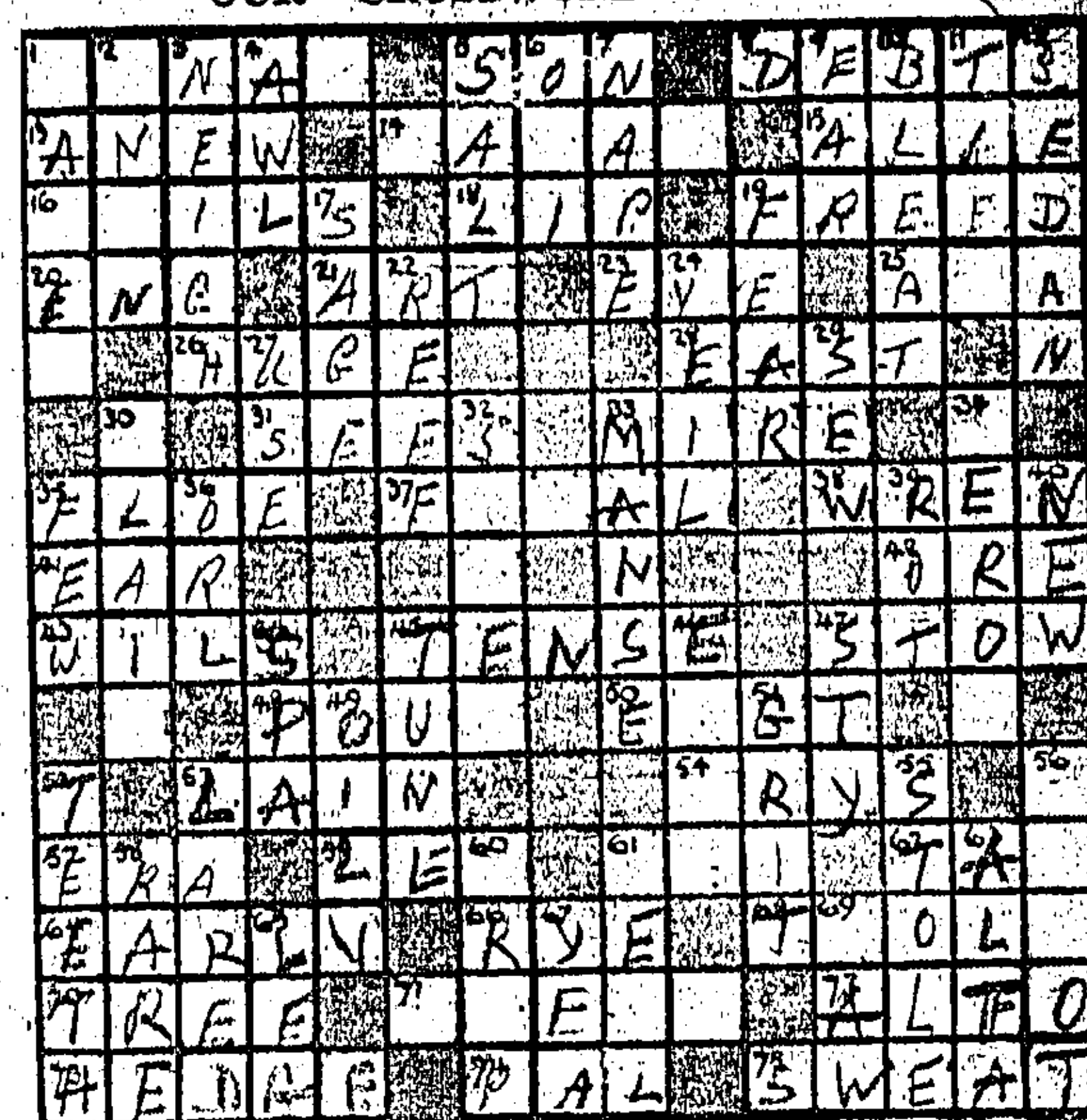
The pyramid was examined, and
on one side a small metal door
was discovered. It was opened,
and inside was found a sarcoph-
agus containing the mummified body
of Justinus. Nearby, presumably
in accordance with the religious
rites of the period, was a barrel
of wine and pieces of Byzantine
gold.

The mummy was that of a
young and vigorous man with
Patrician features struck down in
early life.

An electric installation was sub-
sequently erected on the inside of
the tomb, and further search
brought another sensational find
to light, and that was a statue of
Venus, the goddess of love and
beauty, a sculptured stone mons-
ter, a fish made in stone, and a
stone figure resembling a dragon.

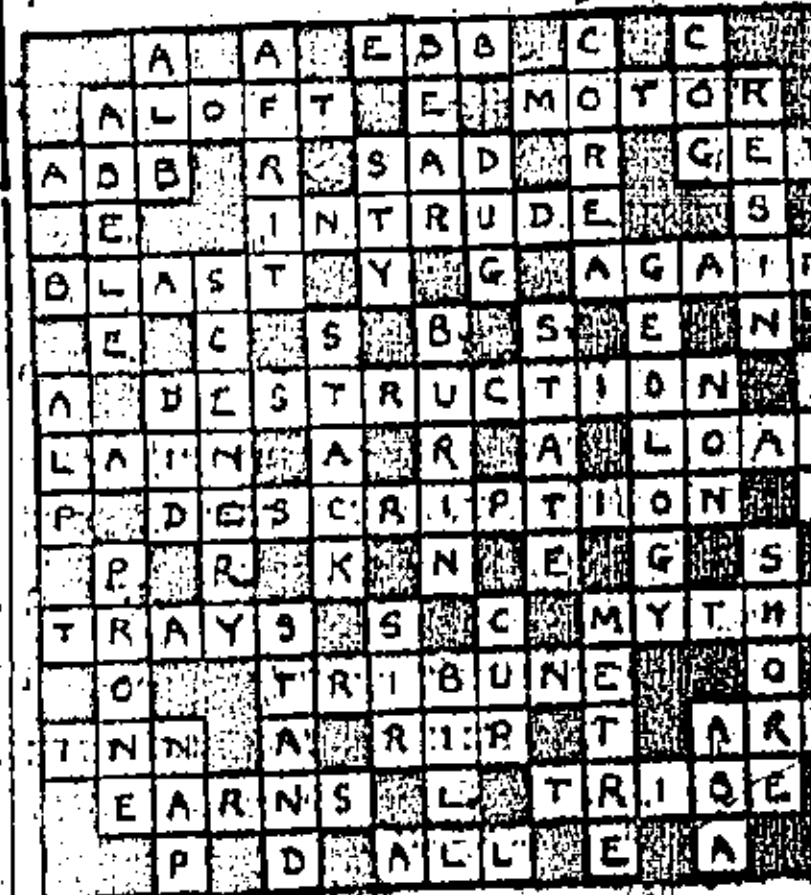
A case containing gold and
precious jewels weighing over a
ton was opened in the presence of
Halil Bey, the Director of the Tur-
kish Museum. It is supposed that
this constitutes a part of the trea-
sure of the great Emperor Con-
stantine, and further sensational
discoveries are expected.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across:
- Common place.
 - Boy.
 - Obligations.
 - In a new form.
 - Intigue.
 - One the ice side.
 - Stains.
 - Part of the mouth.
 - Liberated.
 - England (abbr.).
 - Skill.
 - Evening.
 - Personal gossip.
 - Great.
 - Point of the compass.
 - Perceives.
 - Mad.
 - Floating ice.
 - Wildness following domestication.
 - Bird.
 - Organ of hearing.
 - Contains metal.
 - Powers of the mind.
 - Rigid.
 - Paek.
 - Emil.
 - Formerly.
 - Inclined.
 - Declares.
 - Period.
 - Allow.
 - Cave.
 - Knot.
 - Before time.
 - Grain.
 - Hang down.
 - Plant.
 - Surround.
 - Tone of voice.
 - Fence.
 - Friend.
 - Perspiration.
- Down:
- Founded.
 - Northwith.
 - Cry of a horse.
 - Pointed instrument.
 - Sensoning.
 - African sorcery.
 - Part of the neck.
 - Organ of hearing.
 - Cry of a sheep.
 - Grief.
 - Chair.
 - Wise.
 - Respect.
 - Mass of rocks.
 - Curtain.
 - Employ.
 - Fusion with thread.
 - Demand as due.
 - Separate.
 - Clergyman's dwelling.
 - Grallatorial bird.
 - Not many.
 - Fragment.
 - Decay.
 - Fresh.
 - Watering place.
 - Melody.
 - Gauche.
 - Pig's home.
 - Pertaining to oil.
 - Fine particles of stone.
 - In the mouth.
 - Passed.
 - Purloined.
 - Depository.
 - Unusual.
 - Journey.
 - Valley.
 - Greek letter.
 - Line.
 - Affirmative.
 - Uncultivated.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



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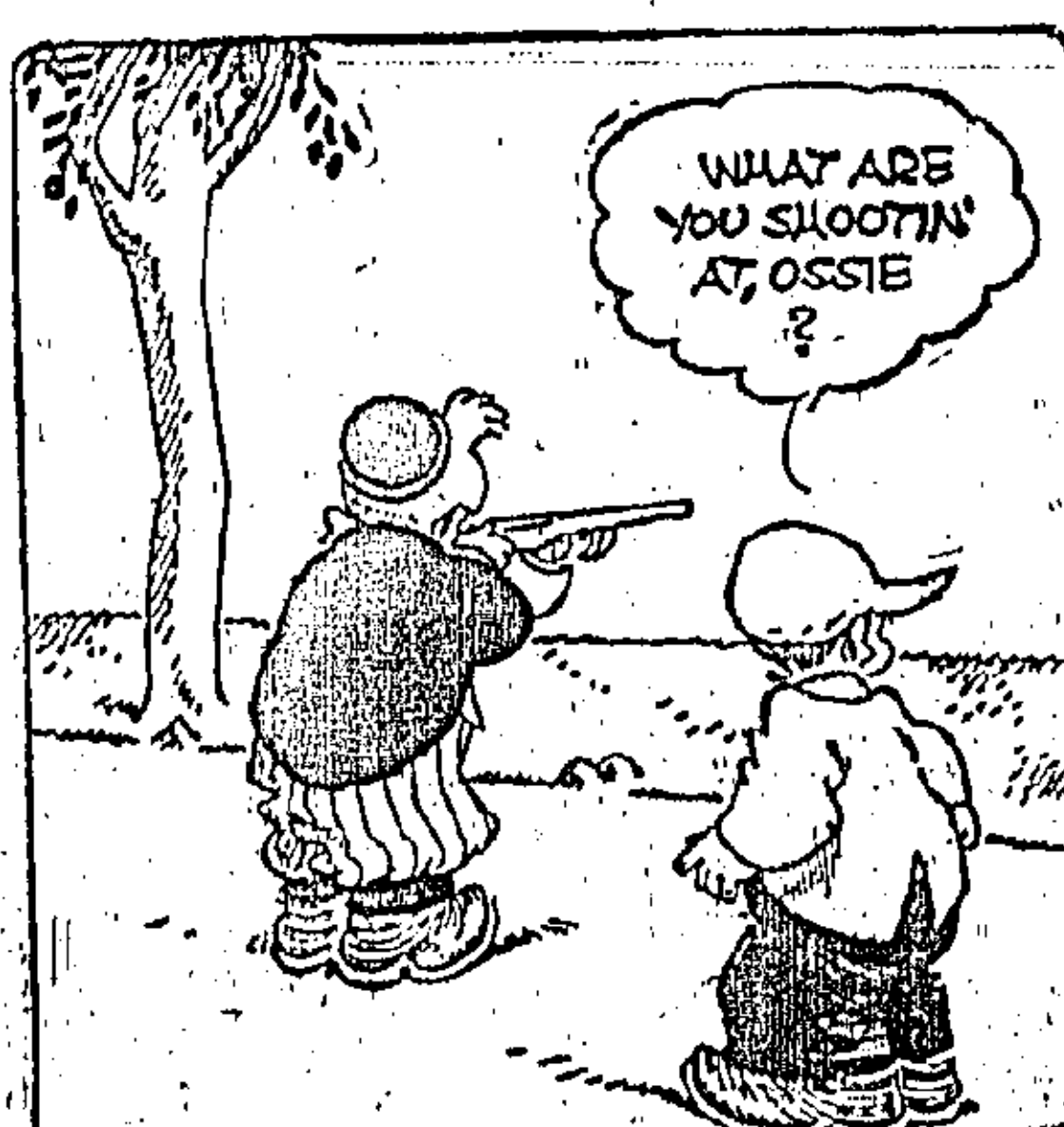
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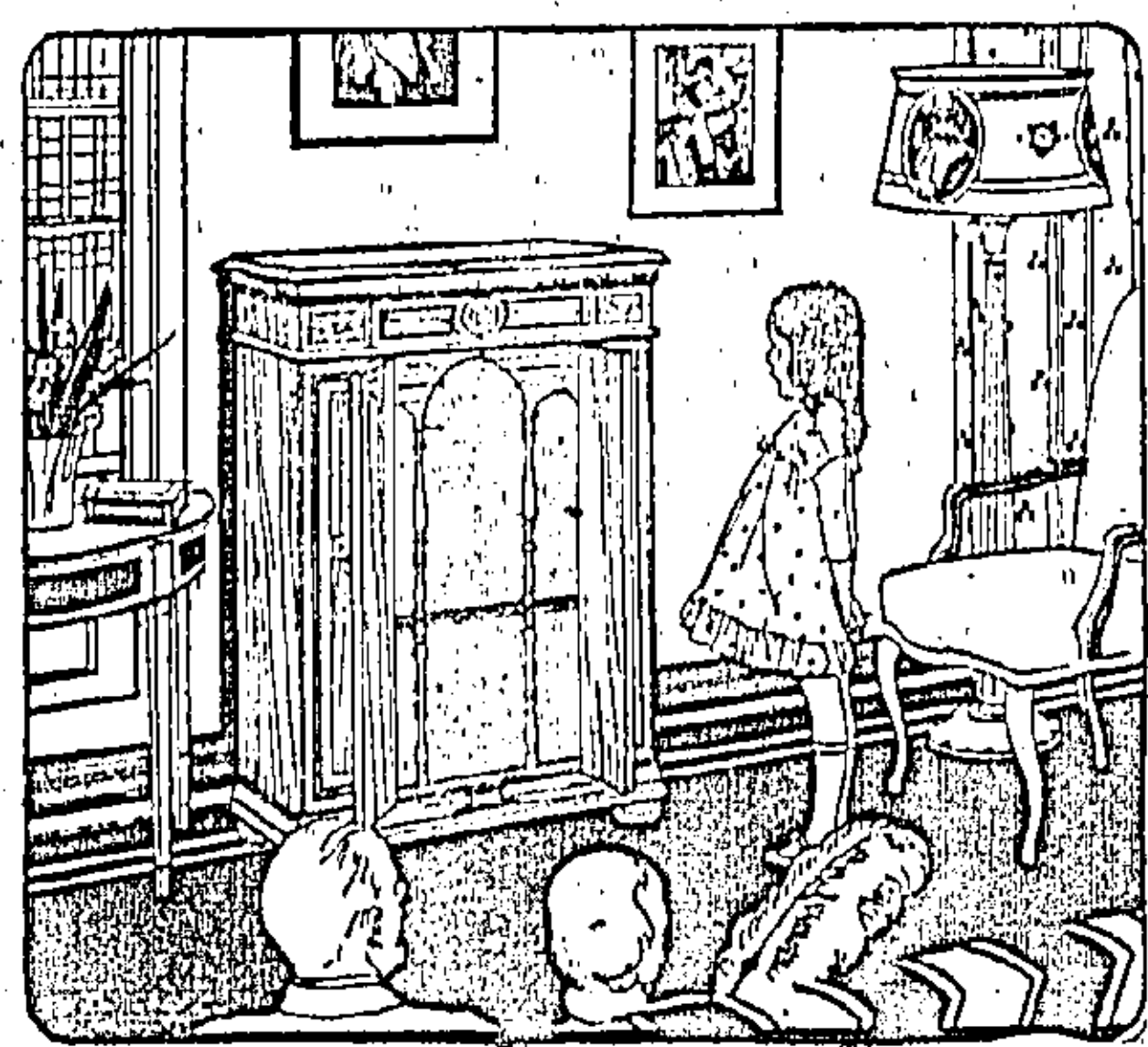
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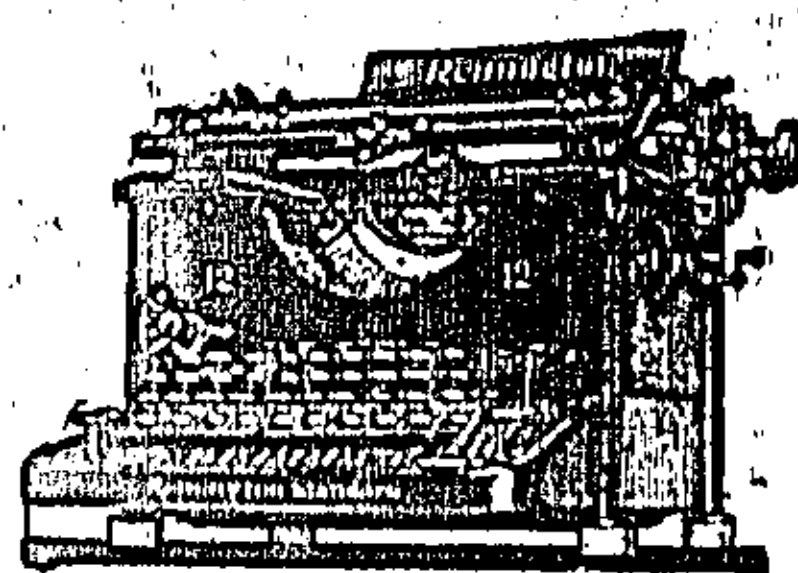
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THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1927.

RAILWAY RUIN.

We hope that the majority of our readers yesterday read the very informative article on the subject of the plight of China's railways which was written by Mr. H. Stringer to the *North-China Daily News* and which we reproduced, because it told a very eloquent story of mismanagement that is spelling the utter ruin of China's railway service. We do not intend here to retell Mr. Stringer's tale, but would only remark that the article was obviously written by one in full possession of his facts and who was personally grieved to witness the deterioration of what ought to be one of the country's greatest assets. Time was when China's railways were well run and made to pay, for we were told that in 1918, when the service was at the zenith of its prosperity and efficiency, there was a surplus of \$8,000 per mile and that the earnings fluctuated between 10 and 22 per cent. of the capital invested. Thereafter, there has been a tale of civil wars, of a decline of foreign control and management, the breakdown of discipline and the disappearance of fair treatment for railway workers. Pettifoggery Chinese officials have been clogging the organisation until it has been wrecked. Mr. Stringer asserts that utter and complete breakdown is not far distant. It is not difficult for even a layman with no technical knowledge of railway management to understand that the welter of misuse to which China's railways are now being put during these times of civil war, the absence of proper repair and upkeep services, the reckless working of locomotives by inexperienced drivers and the abuse of rolling stock generally are causing damage almost incalculable. The work of 40 years is being wrecked.

The only cure for China's railway ills, says Mr. Stringer, is the neutralization of the railways—a rather hopeless ambition at the moment. The military factions, and they seem to be legion, are operating the railways in their territory just for their own military ends and without the slightest regard to the needs of the countryside through which those railways run. Nobody would at the moment respect neutralization, even though it were achieved on paper. It looks as though the railways are doomed to suffer, like trade and industry, for just so long as China fails to evolve order and a Central Government or Governments. Only when there are responsible and powerful

civil officials in control will it be possible to bring the railways once more under proper direction. Until then, each military satrap or clique will use and misuse not only railways but every other resource of the territory in which he or they might happen to be, and all the pious hopes for reforms and improvement will be unavailing. The loss which China must have suffered during the past two years of strife and chaos is enormous, as is also the gain from which she stands to benefit when peace, quiet trading and general construction become possible. The folly of civil war was never more clearly or vividly brought out than it has been of late, but, other people being in the mood to let things take their own course, it seems as though one can only wait until the Chinese have worked out their own salvation.

Locked Grilles.

The sinking of the river steamer *Leung Kwong* in a few minutes after being holed in collision with the *Moonshine*, in Capatsum, has, on the facts as reported, given a direct test to the often-expressed theory that there would never be time, in rapid sinking of a river steamer, to unlock the grilles which the elaborate anti-piracy regulations of a few years ago enforced on all vessels plying along certain routes. On at least one occasion within the past two years or so, it has been a matter of a few minutes longer time for rescue, or the fortunate interposition of shallow water, that has averted a terrible tragedy of people drowning like rats in a trap. This danger has been pointed out continuously by members of the mercantile marine serving on steamers that are fitted with grilles, and it was revived by the authors of the "Minority Report" of the last anti-piracy commission. Officially, then, the grille system has been admitted to be a menace, in case of wreck or collision, and there is no doubt that it conflicts with the strict requirements of Board of Trade regulations as to the safety of passengers on a well-found ship. Yet grilles have remained, and unhappily, so far as present reports indicate, the instance of the *Leung Kwong* has proved the danger conclusively. We presume that the official enquiry will in due course have this matter brought up for discussion. The only possible comment is that, while grilles are a safeguard in case of piracy, or attempted piracy, they are a grave danger otherwise. A serious responsibility rests with those who have the ordering of things to decide, which is the greater menace, and whether this exposure of passengers to the chances of a terrible fate should persist in the rules and regulations.

RICE DISPUTE ENDS.

FIRMS TO MAINTAIN OLD SCALE.

The wages dispute between the Annam rice-firms and the rice-carrying coolies has been settled in favour of the coolies as the result of a special meeting of the Twenty-four Guilds' Association held yesterday afternoon. Mr. Ho Kwong presided over a big meeting, at which both the rice firms and the Tung Tak Labour Union were represented. Mr. Ho Kwong, after stating that it had been incorrectly reported that the Fook Yuen rice firm was the only one which objected to maintenance of the present scale of pay, pointed out to the rice firms that the half cent difference between the 5 cents they were paying and the 4½ cents they wished to pay, was so small even in the aggregate that it would mean a difference of little more than \$200 per annum to each firm.

After Mr. Ho Kwong's explanation it was agreed to continue payment of the old rates.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, May 11.
Paris	124
Brussels	34.97
Amsterdam	12.13½
Berlin	20.52
Copenhagen	19.21
Vienna	34.52½
Hamburg	102½
London	217/32
Bucharest	775
Buenos Aires	47.17/32
Shanghai	2/6¼
Yokohama	1/11.17/32
New York	4.85½
Geneva	25.25
Milan	89½
Stockholm	18.10
Oslo	18.81¼
Prague	163½
Madrid	27.50
Athens	966
Rio	5.27/82
Bombay	1/5.63/84
Hongkong	2/0¼
Silver (spot)	25.15/16
Silver (forward)	25.18/16

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

MAN BLINDLY WORKS THE WILL OF FATE.—*Wieland*.

The B. I. s.s. *Tulamba* is due here from Singapore on Sunday, about 7 a.m.

The P. and O. s.s. *Lahore*, from Vladivostok, is due here next Sunday morning.

Among the passengers arriving from Australia to-day by the s.s. *Taiping* was Mr. M. Manuk of the Dairy Farm.

There were two fresh cases of typhoid fever reported yesterday both being Chinese. There was a further Chinese case of small-pox.

The P. and O. Company notify that the s.s. *Nellor*, sailing for Home on Saturday, will sail at daylight instead of at the usual hour of noon.

The s.s. *Empress of Canada* is due to arrive at Shanghai from Kobe to-morrow morning and will leave for Hongkong on Saturday morning.

The ping pong match played last evening between the St. Peter's Young Men's Club and Wah Yan Old Boys' Union resulted in a win for the latter by 114 games to 61.

The local weather forecast issued by the Royal Observatory for the period ending at noon to-morrow is: E. or variable winds, moderate; overcast at first, finer later.

This morning's Harbour Office Reports gave 12 arrivals and 14 departures, of which four and seven respectively were British, leaving 52 vessels in harbour, British 15.

Making a hasty landing from a moving motor-car on Stubbs Road yesterday, a Chinese was seriously injured when he fell on his head. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

A Chinese was sent to prison for six weeks by Major C. Willson, this morning for stealing a motor-cycle cover from Mr. Littlejohn's machine while it was left parked outside the Post Office yesterday.

A quantity of money, jewellery and clothing amounting to over \$100 was stolen from the servants' quarters of No. 333 Nathan Road yesterday afternoon. Admittance was gained through the back door which was left open.

A fireman, employed on one of the Canadian Pacific Company's steamers, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield, before whom he was this morning charged with the larceny of six dinner plates from the pantry of the s.s. *Empress of Asia*.

Miss W. J. Meiklejohn, Nursing Superintendent of the Rangoon General Hospital, has left Burma on retirement. Miss Meiklejohn had served the sick of Rangoon for over twenty-one years and had seen the growth of the hospital from a comparatively small institution to what it now is.

Running across the roadway, heedless of the approach of motor-cyclist, a little Chinese boy was slightly injured, at Causeway Bay yesterday. The cyclist, who was Mr. A. Xavier, and a Chinese friend who was riding pillion, were knocked off the machine, the latter being rather seriously injured about the legs and having to be removed to Hospital.

The new Director of Civil Aviation in India, under the scheme authorized by the India Government for the development of air routes in the East, is to be Lieutenant-Colonel F. C. Sheldermine, O.B.E., who recently went out to Egypt to act as the Air Ministry Superintendent for the Cairo-Karachi service. Colonel Sheldermine was originally in the Green Howards and transferred to the Royal Flying Corps in the war, after which he joined the staff of the Civil Aviation Department.

In describing the scene resulting from a police raid on a house in the western district, where a number of gamblers were playing a game of *pai kau*, a police officer stated at the Police Court this morning that it was a case of *saque qui peut* and everybody who could do so made a grab for the stakes on the table. So in reality, the aggregate stakes were much larger than the 64 cents and four cash seized by the police. Ten *Walchow* men who were arrested in the raid were each fined \$3 by Mr. Lindsell.

TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 2/-3/16
Lighting-up 6.54 p.m.

CHINESE WEDDING.

INTERESTING CEREMONY AT REGISTRAR'S OFFICE.

A wedding of considerable interest to the Chinese and foreign communities alike, was that between Mr. M. H. Lo, son of Mr. Lo Cheung-shui, J.P., and Mrs. Lo, and Miss Edith Lam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Lam, which took place at the offices of the Registrar of Marriages at 3 p.m. to-day.

The bride was given away by her father and was charmingly attired in a beaded dress with silver lace sleeves and silver lace train, while she carried a bouquet of lilies.

Miss Edith Lo, sister of the bridegroom, attended as matron of honour with the Misses J. Hall and E. Waller as bridesmaids. Mrs. Lo wore a pink dress with gold open work trimmings. The bridesmaids' dresses were of pink taffeta with blue ribbon trimmings, and they carried bouquets of pink roses.

The bridegroom, who is the assistant comprador of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., and a well-known figure among the Chinese community, was attended by his brother, Mr. Horace Lo, as "best man."

Subsequent to the ceremony at the Registrar's office a reception was held at the residence of the bridegroom's parents, "Wood-green," No. 20, Conduit Road, where the usual felicitous speeches were made and customary toasts honoured.

Mr. and Mrs. Lo will leave later for Repulse Bay where the honeymoon is being spent, the bride's going away dress being of fawn georgette.

A large number of friends attended the reception, including Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung and the Hon. Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Kotewall. The guests also included:

The Hon. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Southern, His Hon. the Chief Justice and Mrs. J. R. Wood, the Hon. Sir J. H. Kemp, K.C., the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lind-sell, Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. N. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Tratman, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Franks, Mr. R. A. C. North, Captain Steel, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. King, Captain H. E. Bloxham, Lieut. Col. T. A. Robertson, Major C. Willson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hall, Mr. J. K. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. A. Piercy, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. C. Hornell, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Purves, Captain D. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cornaby, Mr. and Mrs. G. Grimble, Mr. R. Abraham, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Abraham, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Crook, Mr. W. Kay and Miss M. Kacker.

THE LEUNG KWONG TRAGEDY.

GENEROUS HELP FROM ON-LEE.

Vernacular papers, reporting the *Capatsum* collision state:

Of the *Leung Kwong* crew and passengers, about 40 were saved by the lifeboats of the s.s. *On Lee*. Those who were saved by the fishing boats numbered to about 50, who were later handed over to the *On Lee*. The *Kwong Fook* Cheung rescued 23, while the *Moonshine* picked up about 10.

When the 90 rescued persons had boarded the *On Lee*, the compass of the ship ordered congee to be served to them, and passengers on the vessel shared some of their dry clothes with the victims of the collision. About \$60 was collected on the *On Lee*, and to those whose destination was some distance away \$2 each was paid, while to those who were bound for a near destination \$1 was given. Those who wished to return to Hongkong had free passage, and 80 cents each.

About 20 passengers were rescued by the *Kwong Fook* Cheung. Some of them who had stayed in the water for some time were unconscious when taken on board. To them, medical treatment was at once given.

TJILEBOET REPAIR.

NO ACCEPTANCE FROM BATAVIA.

Although it is two weeks since the *Tjileboet* was salvaged, frequent telegraphing to Batavia with regard to the repair to the vessel has met with no response.

Tenders closed on Tuesday, and according to Mr. Van Ufford of the J. C. J. L., it is expected that an allocation of the tender by cable may be received at any moment. Meanwhile the vessel remains at Taikoo, while the crew and officers have returned to Batavia where, it is understood, a court of enquiry into the stranding will be held at an early date.

The Very Idea!

A man asked a Pullman porter what his tips averaged. The porter replied that the average amount was one dollar. The man handed a dollar to the porter who caressed the silver coin affectionately and said:

"Yassuh, boss, but you is the fust p'ushon what has come up to the average."

When mobs with Bolshe froth

are fed,
A curious paradox is seen,
For though the orator is Red,
His dupes are very green.

Fashion changes; and 200,000 ostriches are killed off in South Africa because there is no market for their feathers. It is rather a grim example of the working of the callous mechanism of civilisation, which can make no movement without grinding out catastrophes at one corner or another.

Solicitor at Bow County Court: Your wife is here, I suppose. Man: Oh, yes. She said she wanted to come and have her say.

Husband, summoned at Willesden: I live in a perpetual atmosphere of intensive provocation.

West Ham landlady: Have I to stand being sworn at by my lodger because she is twice my size?

Builder's labourer at Willesden: My earnings are most irregular. I cannot alter the English weather.

Some doubt has been thrown on the legend of Newton and the apple, but about the apple-tree itself there is no doubt. A fragment of it is to be seen under a glass in Burlington House. The tree was blown down during a gale in 1707, and a party of schoolboys were permitted to visit the garden and secure relics. It was a son of one of them who presented it to the Royal Astronomical Society.

America is out to capture the trade of the world.—Lord Riddell. There are too many taxi-cabs and they are too dear.—Mr. Hay Halkett.

What a great field there is for brains in the advertising world in this country.—Mr. Wm. Harrison.

It is no use trying to sell fish and chips in Bond Street or a Rolls Royce in a Scottish fishing village.—Sir Malcolm Robertson.

Chinese girls in the big cities are shingled, smoke cigarettes, and dance the Charleston hilariously.—Mr. E. G. Sahlin, Swedish Consul-General in London.

President Hindenburg and a representative sent by the ex-Kaiser headed the procession at the military funeral of General von Wrisberg, who fell dead when arrested for speaking on prohibited ground on the anniversary of Bismarck's death.

The coffin rested on a gun carriage drawn by six black horses, but just before reaching the cemetery three of the horses slipped and fell. Soldiers dug up the paving stones of the footpath with their bayonets and scattered earth on the slippery asphalt to allow the horses to rise.

A wreath sent by the ex-Kaiser was inadvertently left lying on the gun carriage after the coffin had been removed, and had to be fetched hastily by a sergeant.

From a San Francisco paper: Part-time work wanted by man sober and reliable after six o'clock evenings and Sundays. But what is he like during ordinary working hours?

"When I was in India," said the club bore, "I saw a tiger go down to the water where some women were washing clothes. It was a very fierce tiger, but some women with great presence of mind splashed some water in its face—and it slunk away."

"Gentlemen," said a man in the arm-chair, "I can vouch for the truth of this story. Some minutes after this incident I was coming down to the water; I met this tiger, and, as is my habit, stroked its whiskers. Gentlemen, those whiskers were wet."

MURDER OF FRENCH PRIEST.

ARREST EFFECTED IN BURMA.

Information has been received in Rangoon to the effect that a Burman has been arrested at Maubin in connexion with the recent murder of Fr. Chagnot, a French priest.

It is also said that the gun and the priest's wallet have been recovered. No further information is at present available.

MORTGAGE CASE.

PLAINTIFF DENIES ALLEGATIONS.

Lo Kwong-lam, the first plaintiff, gave evidence in the Supreme Court this morning before the acting Chief Justice, Mr. J. R. Wood, when the mortgage case was continued, in which two brothers, Lo Kwong-lam and Lo Kwong-hin, ask for a \$400,000 mortgage on Hongkong property to be set aside on the grounds that they were infants at the time.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., together with Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. D. L. Strellett are appearing for the plaintiffs, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, for the defendants.

Lo Kwong-lam, in continuing his evidence, gave more details as to the part T. L. Sung played in the dispute in helping the younger brothers to benefit from their father's property. He said that on the day on which the mortgage was signed he left the office of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist together with his brothers and Sung, and returned to Messrs. Hastings, Denny, and Bowley. On the way there Sung told them that when they arrived at Hastings's office he would ask for a cheque for \$50,000, and asked witness to admit that he owed that money to him. (Sung) Sung asked for two cheques, but did not state the amounts, and when they were handed to him, the whole party went to the Wing On Company where cash was obtained.

\$100 Tea Money.

They afterwards went to Sung's house, where he (Sung) divided the money between them, the total amount being \$33,780.52. Witness said he received a cheque for \$3,796.75, and also \$500 in cash. He owed Sung \$900, having borrowed that sum, and \$1,000 was deducted from his share. In reply to Mr. Sheldon, witness said Sung asked him to give the extra \$100 as a gratuity to his servants for their tea.

Speaking of the benefit he had had from the property, (one of the grounds for the action being that the plaintiffs have not benefited), witness said he had received no income.

The younger brothers estimated that the property was worth eight lakhs, and he (witness) knew that the property was encumbered to the extent of five lakhs.

Mr. Sheldon: What was the net share that you and your brothers expected to obtain from the property?—We thought we should each get \$50,000, because the balance remaining was \$300,000.

Did you know at that time the amount of income being produced by this property?—No, I have no idea.

Witness added the property was left in trust to Lo Kwong-wai and Lo Kwong-to, to look after it and pay the interest.

Continuing, witness said that in May 1925 he saw a Chinese broker, and told him they intended to sell the property for eight lakhs. The broker replied however that he did not think it was worth so much at that time.

No Benefit Received.

Mr. Sheldon: In fact what income have you yourself received from the property?—In fact I received no income.

He added that later he received another \$400 from his brother Lo Kwong-wai.

After the signing of the mortgage on February 10, 1925, witness continued, the brothers expressed dissatisfaction. Sung gave them advice with regard to commencing an action, and the brother Lo Kwong-wai paid him \$50, "for a retaining fee for Mr. Potter and Mr. Jenkin."

Mr. Sheldon: Was anything said at that time about the deeds and documents referring to the mortgage which you had signed in the morning?—No.

Was anything said about your being an infant?—No.

In reply to another question, plaintiff said it was a long time after he signed the mortgage papers that he realised the effect of his infancy on the validity of the transaction.

Mr. Sheldon: During the distribution at Sung's House, did Sung ask Lo Kwong-hin, (the second plaintiff) how old he was?

Witness replied that was so, and Kwong-hin told Sung. Was there any suggestion by Sung or anyone else that Kwong-hin being an infant the mortgage was not valid?—No.

Did you instruct Sung to instruct Messrs. Hastings, Denny, and Bowley on or about January 30 that you were 21 years of age or over?—No.

Did you on February 10 (the day of the signing of the mortgage) in the offices of Messrs. Hastings, Denny, and Bowley, say yourself that you were 21 years of age or over?—No.

Did you on that date instruct Sung to say so?—No.

Was it stated by Sung in the offices of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist that you and Kwong-hin

STRAITS GOVERNOR'S DEPARTURE.

FORMAL EMBARKATION ON FRIDAY MORNING.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Laurence Guillemard) and Lady Guillemard left Singapore for England on the Malwa on Friday, on his Excellency's retirement from the Governorship and the post of High Commissioner of the Malay States.

His Excellency formally embarked at Godowns 4 and 5, Tanjong Pagar, at 8 a.m. on Friday. Members of the Legislative Council, Members of the Consular Corps, Government Officers and members of the public, and their ladies, were invited to be present.

A Guard-of-Honour.

His Excellency was received by a Guard of Honour (drawn up facing the Malwa) with the Royal Salute, the Band playing the National Anthem.

His Excellency inspected the Guard of Honour.

After the inspection of the Guard His Excellency entered Godown No. 5, which was cleared and decorated for the occasion, and there informally said goodbye to those present.

His Excellency later proceeded by a covered way from the Godown to the ship. The Band played further selections while the gangway was being removed, ending in And Lang Syne as the ship left the wharf side.

As soon as the ship was clear and under way the salute of seven-teen guns was fired from Fort Canaling.

A Presentation.

A farwell At Home was given at the Garden Club, Tanah Merah, earlier in the week in honour of Lady Guillemard. The function was attended by a large number of guests, who were graciously received by Mrs. Lee Choon Guan and Mrs. S. Q. Wong. In addition to the considerable gathering of Chinese ladies and gentlemen, the attendance included the Hon'ble Mr. and Mrs. E. C. H. Wolff, Miss Fraser, the Consul-General for Siam, Mr. H. Elphick, Dr. Noel Clarke, Dr. A. L. Hoops, Mrs. and Mrs. Manasseh, Mr. and Mrs. D. Santy, the Dutch-Mental-Resident of Johore, the Dutch Ismail, the Hon'ble Mr. Mohamed Yunusbin Abdullah, and many others.

The Band of the Johore Military Forces was in attendance and played excellent selections of music during the afternoon, which was spent in a very pleasant manner on the attractive lawns of the Club. An interesting exhibition lawn tennis doubles match was played between Messrs. J. Huggins and J. D. Hall and Messrs. Khoo Hooi Hye and Chua Choon Leong, which resulted in a win for the Chinese pair.

Later in the afternoon Mr. S. Q. Wong thanked Lady Guillemard, on behalf of his wife and Mrs. Lee Choon Guan, for having attended the function, which gave the Chinese community of Singapore the opportunity of bidding her farewell. By her personal interest in the several institutions with which she had been connected, Lady Guillemard had endeared herself to all, and the Chinese community, being the largest in Singapore, had benefited by her good work in proportion.

Mr. Wong mentioned, in particular, the Child Welfare Society, which he said was one of the several organisations in Singapore which had done successful work under Lady Guillemard's presidency. He thought it only fitting that Her Excellency should take away with her some memento to remind her of her stay in Singapore, and they had decided that this should take the form of a jade necklace.

After Mrs. Lee Choon Guan had fastened the necklace about her neck, Lady Guillemard, in a brief speech, expressed her thanks for the gift, which she said she would treasure and wear on every possible occasion. She declared that she had made many friends during her seven years in Singapore and could look back on her stay in Singapore as a very interesting period. She was very sorry to leave all her friends.

Were 21 years of age or over?—No.

Is there any truth in these allegations that I have put to you?—No.

Value of Property.

Dealing with a point that was raised by his Lordship, witness said the brothers agreed to the estimate of the property at eight lakhs.

Mr. Sheldon: Was there at any time any inducement held out to you to accept property worth eight lakhs at seven lakhs, and the surplus to be devoted towards paying the costs or expenses of the proceedings for the settlement?—I have no knowledge of that.

Mr. Potter said that was the first time the suggestion had been made, and he asked permission to put in as evidence a document giving statistics of the value of the property, which, he contended, disproved that suggestion.

The case is proceeding.

MISSIONARY'S VIEWS.

DR. T. CHALMERS BORTHWICK INTERVIEWED.

Dr. T. Chalmers Borthwick, of the Church of Scotland Mission, who was one of those who were forced to leave Ichang recently, has given a very interesting interview to a press correspondent.

Dr. Borthwick has been fifteen years in China and has lately been carrying on hospital duties in Ichang. His mission hospital accommodates 150 patients, 100 beds for men and 50 beds for women, and is famed among the Chinese for good work done. Up to the time of his evacuation, which was about the middle of April, Dr. Borthwick stated, the hospital had not been interfered with.

When the Southern army of about 30,000 men entered there was no looting and little unrest until agitators, who followed the soldiers, had made an appearance. The agitators called a ten days' strike and all Britishers' servants were withdrawn excepting those serving at the Mission hospital.

Chinese Now in Charge.

Dr. Borthwick stated that when it was made clear to the authorities that if the strike was allowed to spread to the hospital it would mean the patients would be unattended, the authorities ordered the Chinese hospital attendants and the Europeans' personal servants to remain at their work.

The Chinese doctor at the Ichang mission had been left in charge of the mission hospital with three months' supplies in cash and goods, and Dr. Borthwick thought it would be possible for him to carry on after that period as the Mission had been self-supporting for some years past.

It was only when he arrived at Hankow did he realise how far the "Reds" had permeated into the Nationalists' Government. It was Dr. Borthwick's considered opinion that once the Nationalists had shaken off the Communist shackles and the Borodin influence, affairs would settle down quickly.

Heartily Sick of Civil War.

As things were to-day, however, he did expect to be able to resume his work for many months, possibly two years. He had heard it rumoured in Shanghai that the Missionaries Societies in America did not think it probable that anything could be done for at least five years.

He had decided to return to Scotland rather than wait around in Shanghai where he would only be idle as there were more doctors in that city now than they knew what to do with.

Concluding his remarks, Dr. Borthwick said that the mass of the Chinese people were heartily sick of the civil war, but did not know where to begin to end it.

SHIPS ASHORE.

TWO REPORTS FROM DOWN SOUTH.

Batavia, May 3.

The K.P.M. steamer Tasman, which ran ashore on a coral reef, is making only a little water. After being refloated she will be taken to an Australian port for repairs.

The coral reef, which is near Clear Island, 130 miles from Thursday Island, is known, but the channel at this point is very difficult.

The Tug Coringa, from Brisbane, the Vanderwyck, from Priok, and the Marella from Sourabaya, left yesterday evening to go to the assistance of the Tasman. The Marella will take off the passengers and mails.

The Houtman, which was en route to Java, stopped for a time near the Tasman but proceeded on her journey, being unable to render assistance on account of having too big a draught.

The Tasman, which is a well-known liner on the Singapore-Australia run, was on her way to Australia from Batavia when the accident occurred.

Another Grounding on Tree Island.

Signals on Fort Canning on Wednesday morning last indicated that a steamer was ashore in local waters.

On inquiry it was learned that the Pong Tong, owned by the Straits Hejaz Steamship Company, which left Colombo for Singapore on April 27 with a cargo of meat, had gone ashore on Tree Island, where several vessels have found a resting place in the last two or three years.

The Pong Tong is a vessel of 1,723 tons register and was built in 1903.

GUARDS FOR CHINA.

BIG SEND-OFF FROM HOME.

Women, some carrying babies, anxious to spend the remaining moments with their men folk, marched beside the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards as they left Malda Barracks Parade Ground, Aldershot, on the morning of April 12, on the first stage of their journey to join the other British forces in China.

The parading and then the entrainment at the railway siding a mile away from the barracks were smartly accomplished, and in less than an hour after their breakfast the Guardsmen were well on their way to Southampton.

When the band struck up "Old Folks at Home" the women brushed away tears, but they were soon laughing again and gave three cheers as the train departed.

At Southampton, where the battalion, under Lieut.-Colonel Sir Victor Mackenzie, arrived in two special trains, they were played on board the City of Marseilles by pipers of the first battalion.

Field-Marshal Lord Methuen, colonel of the regiment, who is 81, went on board and had a long chat with the officers of the regiment.

The City of Marseilles left shortly after 2 p.m. to the accompaniment of cheers and popular songs, including "The Froth-blowers' Anthem" and "I'll see you in the morning."

Other troops on the vessel included two companies of the 1st Northampton Regiment from Brookhampton, Surrey, under the command of Capt. C. Lister, the newly formed 10th Field Ambulance from Fleet, Hampshire, in charge of Col. Kelly, a detachment of the Royal Air Force from Uxbridge, Middlesex.

When the last gangway had been removed, it was discovered that a member of the embarkation staff had been left on board, and a crane had to be used to hoist him ashore.

An hour after the Guards had left, the transport Derbyshire also sailed for China, having on board the 2nd Welch Regiment, who were also played off by the band of the Scots Guards, and contingents of the Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Engineers, and other units.

ALLEGED COMMUNISTS.

TWO CHINESE CHARGED TO-DAY.

Chan Kei-fung and Hon Tang-fung, alleged communists who were arrested on Tuesday afternoon, were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with being in possession of seditious literature.

In the case of the first-named, Sub-Inspector Moss said that the papers were found in a basket, which constituted part of the defendant's luggage, as he was landing from the s.s. Fatshan.

The translation work had not been completed by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, and on a police application, defendant, who denied that the papers belonged to him, was remanded for a week, on bail of \$1,000.

In the case of the other defendant, Hon Tang-fung, it was stated that he came here on the s.s. Paul Beau, being arrested on landing at the wharf when a search of his luggage had disclosed a number of pamphlets.

Pleading guilty to the charge, he also was remanded for a week.

CHOLERA IN BOMBAY.

EPIDEMIC SPREADING: 1,765 DEATHS.

Bombay, April 20.—Not much improvement is recorded in the weekly official report of the cholera epidemic ending April 10 in the four districts of Belgaum, Dharwar, Bijapur and Kanara. In these 324 villages, including 86 newly affected ones, reported cases. The total number of attacks and deaths recorded as due to cholera are 1,765 and 739 respectively as compared with 922 and 413 reported in the previous report.

In Bijapur district the epidemic appears to be spreading. All fairs in Belgaum, Bijapur and Dharwar districts have been stopped. Though the conditions may appear somewhat discouraging, concludes the report, the Assistant Director of Public Health hopes to record improved conditions in his next report.

Also in Bengal.

Calcutta, April 19.—According to latest returns received in the Provincial Public Health Department, twenty districts in Bengal showed an increase in death from cholera during the week ending April 9, the number having risen to 336 from 316 in the previous seven days.

GALES IN INDIA.

SEVERAL DEATHS AND HEAVY DAMAGE.

Barisal, April 17.—Six deaths in consequence of a heavy gale are reported from Kowkhal, a village in the interior of the district.

Faridpur, April 17.—Heavy damage, including loss of life and property, is reported from several villages in the Madaripur subdivision. A large number of buildings, including educational institutions, have been blown down and it is stated that the loss to Charnugra Bandar, an important jute centre, will amount to lakhs of rupees.

Relief Work.

The number killed so far is one. There was a temporary dislocation of telegraph traffic, but it has since been restored. Arrangements for relief work are being made by Government officials.

Chittagong, April 13.—Chittagong is experiencing violent gales and heavy showers for the last few days and heavy damage has been caused in consequence in many parts of the district. It was reported that a motor launch was sunk somewhere near Chandpur.

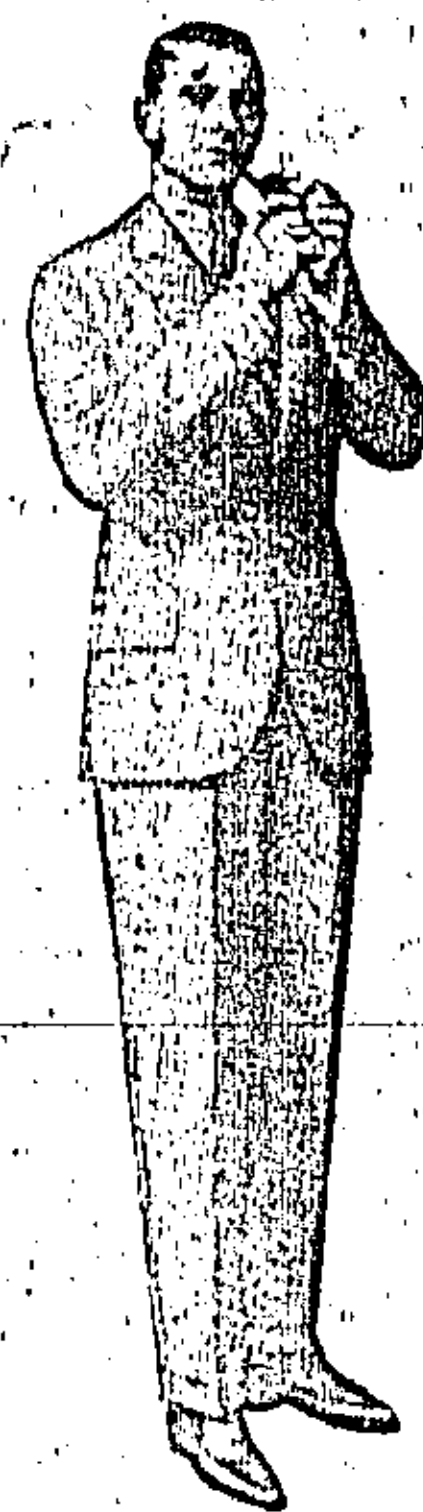
IRISH-AMERICAN FUNDS.

FREE STATE LOSES CLAIM.

New York, May 11.

The State Supreme Court has dismissed a suit by the Irish Free State, which claimed to be the successor of the Irish "Republic" and therefore was entitled to \$2,500,000 worth of bonds subscribed in the United States for the Irish Republican cause.

The Court has also dismissed a claim by De Valera and his co-trustee to the bonds, and has ruled that they should be sold and the proceeds revert to the original subscribers.—Reuter's American Service.



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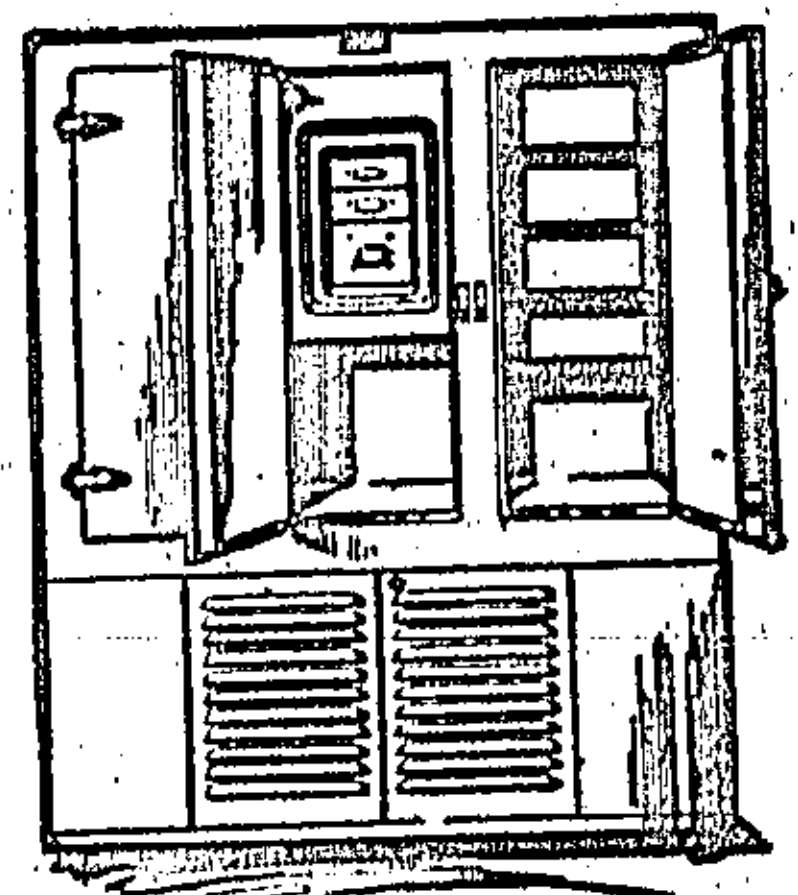
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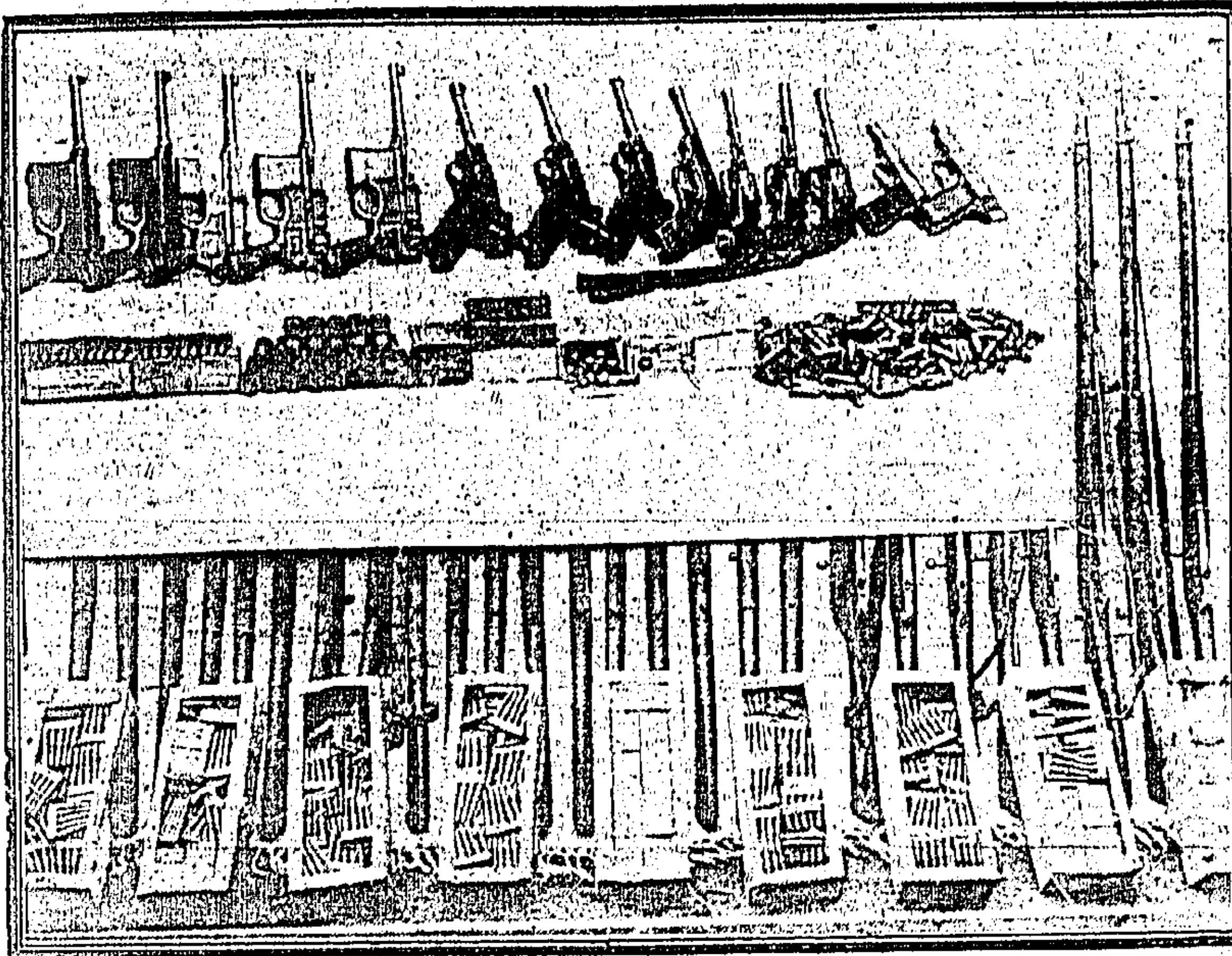
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EVIDENCE OF SOVIET INTRIGUE.



Some of the arms and ammunition seized by the Ankuochun authorities when they raided the Soviet Embassy at Peking on April 6. Piles of incriminating documents were taken in the same raid.

POSTAL WAGES.

WORRIES OF TELEPHONE
GIRL.

When the Civil Service Industrial Court which is inquiring into Post Office wages met again at Old Palace Yard, Westminster, recently, Mr. Arthur Robert McConnell, representing the postal workers of Northern Ireland, replied to the case put forward by Mr. E. Raven for the Postmaster-General.

The postal workers are claiming increased wages for the manipulative grades of the service, and the Postmaster-General is counter-claiming for reductions in certain cases. For the past fortnight the Court has heard the claim of the sorting clerks and telegraphists, who number over 22,000.

Mr. McConnell was somewhat caustic about Mr. Raven's suggestion that Post Office clerks in the small centres could supplement income by cultivating a garden or allotment. Describing the suggestion as a "real gem," he asked if any reduction in household expenses due to keeping a garden was to be regarded as Post Office emoluments, or was the suggestion that the postal worker should purchase a donkey and cart and go into the highways and byways and sell his produce. "In the latter event he would be regarded as the owner of a business, and liable to dismissal from the service," said Mr. McConnell, who expressed amazement that it should be suggested other people should shoulder part of the burden which should be borne by the Post Office.

The Women's Case.

Miss Edith Howse presented the case for women telephonists in the London inner and outer areas. Speaking of the development of Continental services, Miss Howse said the operator with the French or the German language qualification received an allowance of five shillings. If she qualified for both languages she received seven shillings and sixpence. (Laughter.)

Mr. Frank Hodges (a member of the Court)—Compounded on the principle of mass production. I have no doubt.

Miss Howse said supervision had become stricter, and more "observations" and "listening tests" had made the work more exacting from the formula, "Number, please," or faulty articulation and repetition of a number. Listening tests were taken frequently, almost every week on some operators, especially if they had what was regarded as an unsatisfactory record as a result of the tests.

Mr. Hodges asked under what heading would come an ironic inflection of the voice, saying, "Sorry you've been troubled."

Miss Howse—That is covered by the item "Tone." It would be an irregularity to say "Sorry you've been troubled." She must say "I am sorry you have been troubled." (Laughter.)

The Chairman—Do you think there is anything wrong in any of these things?

Miss Howse—The staff are just as anxious as the official side to give a good service. A very small percentage of the day's work is observed, and the telephonist is always liable to be "listened on" as well as having a supervisor behind her.

It took a great deal of explanation, helped out by photographs, before the Court could grasp the whole of the complicated mechanism governing a call.

"I have got it," said the Chairman at last.

The inquiry was adjourned.

MEN MAKE BAD SHOPPERS.

TOBACCO AND SWEETS AT
LAST MOMENT.

"Who wants to buy kippers after eight o'clock at night?" asked Captain Albert Larking, secretary of the Early Closing Association, during his evidence before a Home Office Committee considering shop hours—in London, last month.

He declared that notwithstanding all statements to the contrary, the large majority of small shopkeepers wanted the Shops Act of 1920 continued. Prolonging the hours of distribution did not give an increased sale of commodities. Late shopping had been proved by experience to be merely a bad habit and not a necessity.

Another popular cry was to limit the hours of shop assistants and to keep shops open at all hours. If the shift system were introduced, it would require a whole army of inspectors to ferret out whether assistants were being overworked.

Many shopkeepers and shop assistants, the witness added, viewed with alarm any mutilation of the Act which would undermine and strike at the very roots of the national movement.

Replying to the Chairman witness said that his experience was that people would not do their shopping until the last moment. He had made inquiries all over the country and found that the general feeling was that eight o'clock was late enough for any woman to be out shopping. She could get all that she wanted before eight o'clock.

Sir David Brooks asked if there was any business in which it would be to the interest of the public to keep shops open after eight o'clock.

Captain Larking said that he did not know of any such trade. If a woman could think before eight o'clock of all the things she wanted surely a man could think of his tobacco and the lover of his sweetheart's sweets. (Laughter.)

What about soft fruit and fresh fish? asked Sir David.

People do not want to buy fresh fish after eight o'clock. Why should they? replied witness.

Sir David—Some people do.

Captain Larking—But you cannot keep shops open because one man may want a kipper or a bloater at ten o'clock. You would have to keep the shops open all night if that were the case.

A spirited bout of words took place between Sir Frank Meyer and Captain Larking when it came to the former's turn to ask questions.

Would you describe me as a reactionary in any social movement? opened Sir Frank.

I should think you would see red in this matter, replied the Captain, who added—I can only judge by your speeches and articles in the press.

Sir Frank—You recently wrote a letter to the local paper in my constituency in which you accused me of taking up this question purely as a stunt.

Captain Larking—So you did.

Sir Frank—Are those the methods of controversy of the Early Closing Association?

Witness—No, I think I was justified in making that statement. I think it was nothing more than a stunt.

PRINCE AHMED'S FORTUNE.

MOTHER'S CLAIM TO
£130,000.

Prince Ahmed Seif-ed-Din's affairs came before the Egyptian courts last month, when his mother sued the trustee appointed by the Crown Council to administer his estates when incarcerated in the asylum at Ticehurst, near Tunbridge Wells, namely, Prince Ibrahim.

Claiming to be his guardian, she seeks to obtain payment to her of the revenue of the estates amounting to 130,000 Egyptian pounds. The estate, which consists of 20,000 acres, is being managed by Ibrahim Pasha.

The defence alleges that the mother caused the prince great harm by enticing him to escape from the asylum, and produced a certificate of insanity signed by British doctors.

The case was adjourned. Prince Ahmed Seif-ed-Din escaped in 1925 from Ticehurst House a private mental asylum, near Tunbridge Wells, where he had been confined for 24 years. He went with one of his attendants, William Pilbeam, to Hastings and then disappeared, and it was some days later that it was learned he was on his way to Turkey.

Sir Frank said the letter referred to gained circulation in his constituency of Great Yarmouth. It began: "Bad laws make bad citizens," and referred to his criticism of the D. O. R. A. regulations. Is the suggestion, asked Sir Frank, that because an Act of Parliament has passed before I entered the House of Commons I am debarr'd from criticising it when I enter parliament?

Captain Larking—No. But you could have fixed on other bad laws as a stunt.

Sir Frank—I am obliged for your suggestion.

Sir Frank—You seem to be particularly down on kippers and bladders, why is that?

Witness—Well, they come from your constituency. (Laughter.)

Sir Frank—You agree that people should be allowed to take cooked fried fish home, but not a kipper or bladders?

Witness—People don't want bladders after eight o'clock.

Witness was questioned by Miss Irwin as to the sale of newspapers at night, and he replied that since the introduction of wireless, newspapers were not a necessity of life.

Miss Irwin did not agree, and remarked that not only were there places where there was no wireless, but at times of national crisis people liked to read the news. She asked if witness's Association would object to the sale of newspapers in the streets after eight o'clock.

Witness replied that he would object to them being sold by boys.

Sir Frank Meyer read a letter from a widow running a "one-woman" shop. She complained that the Shops Act was harsh in its effect upon herself.

She is not very complimentary to you? Sir Frank added. She says of a letter you wrote. "Larking's letter shows his excessive ignorance," but, there, he always was that." (Laughter.)

Captain MacAndrew, questioning witness with regard to the evasion of the law, read a letter which he said he had received from a Glasgow shopkeeper complaining of poaching.

The writer quoted what he described as a flagrant instance of a shopkeeper whose premises had entrances. He closed one on Tuesdays and the other on Saturdays, and so managed to keep the business going on each of the alternative holidays. (Laughter.)

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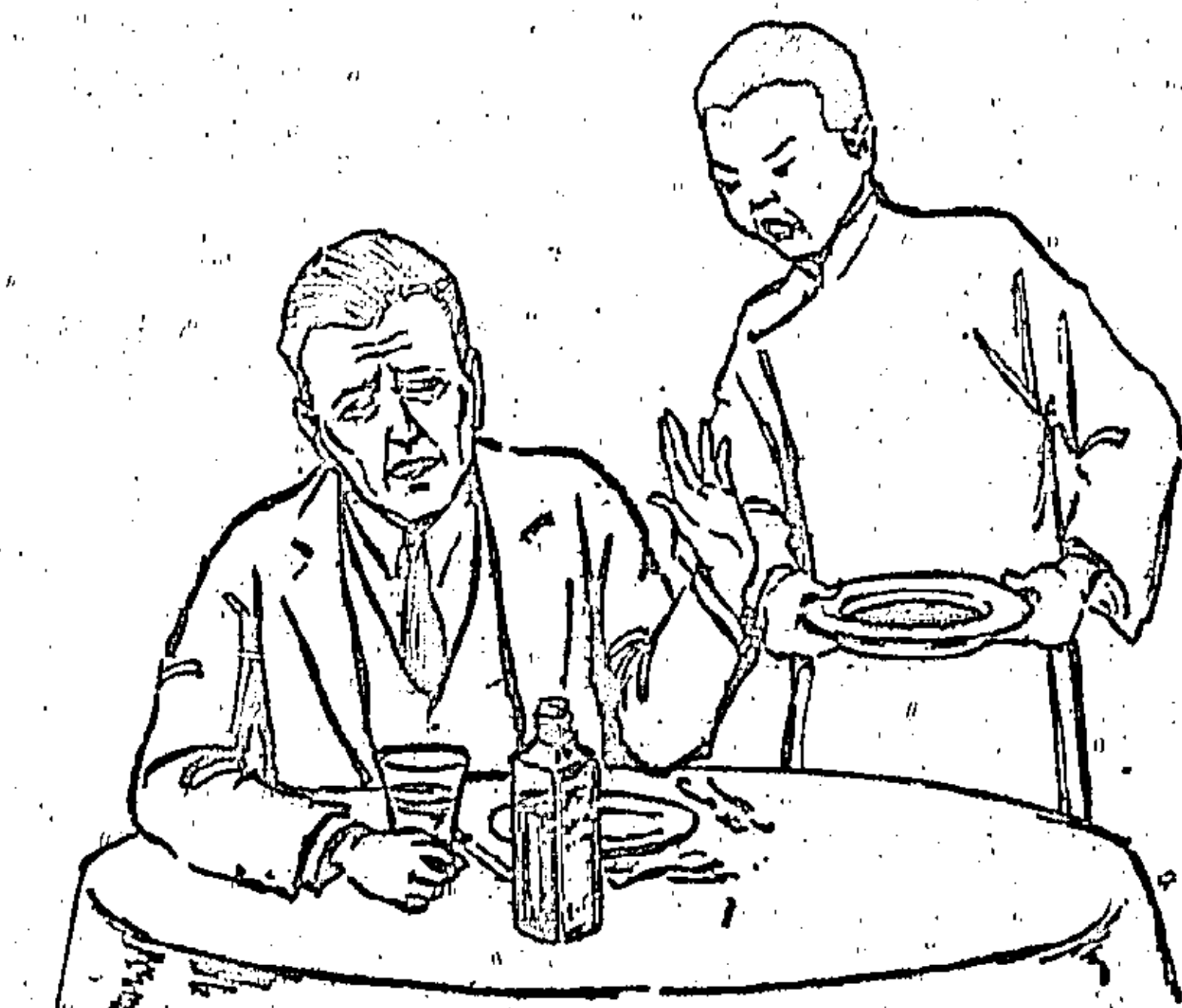
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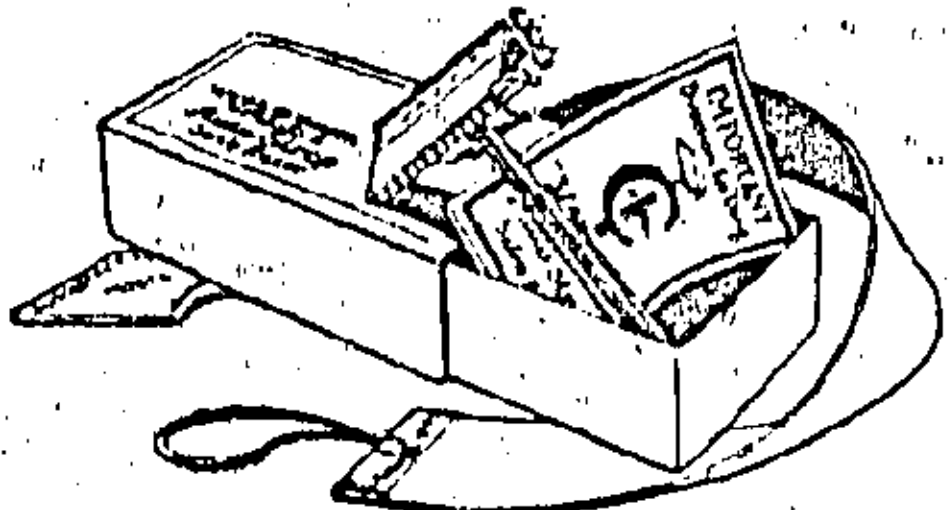
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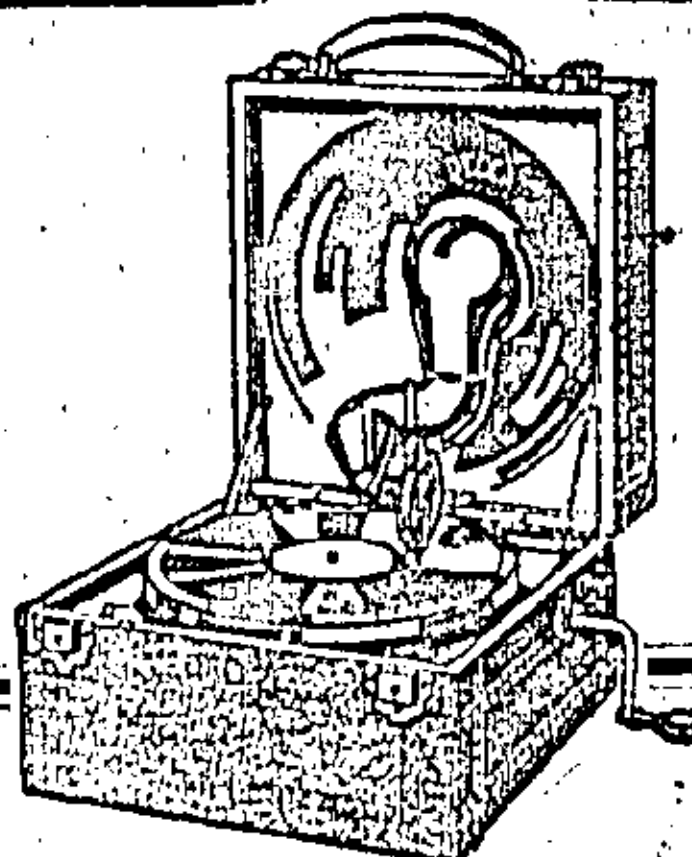
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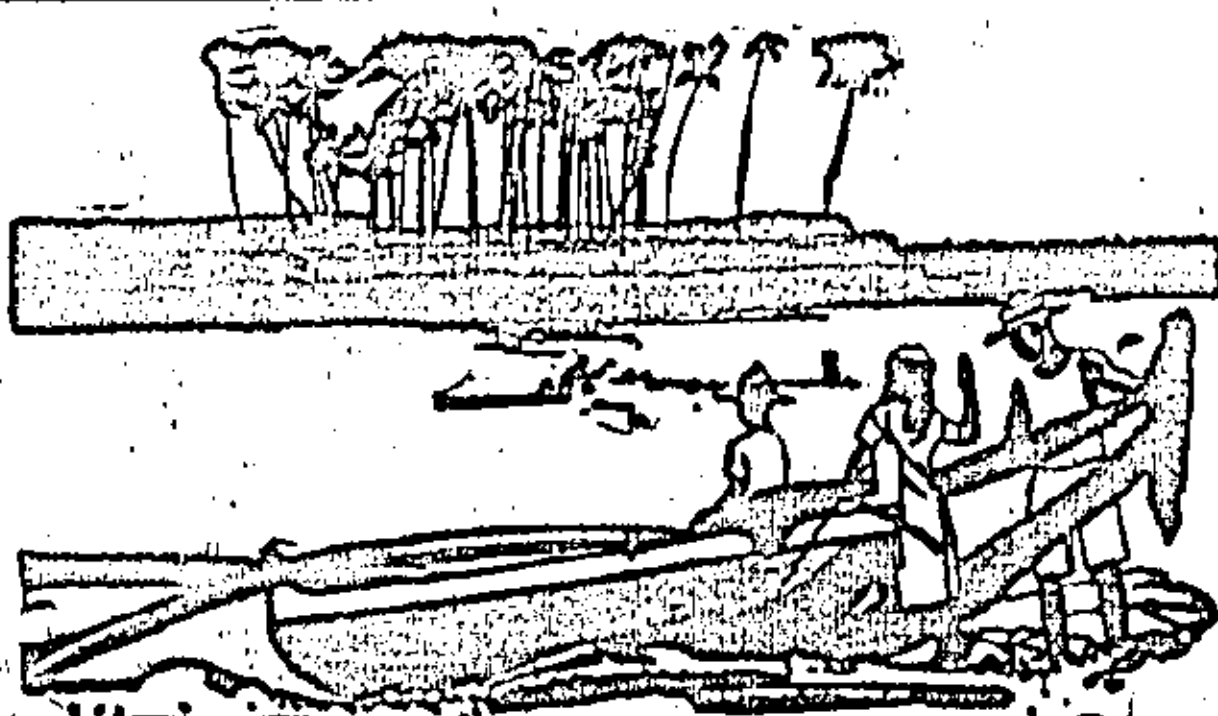
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HONGKONG TRADE.

CHINESE CHAMBER DISCUSS REVIVAL.

At the annual meeting on Tuesday of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Chairman, Mr. Li Yau-chuen, brought to the notice of the members a letter addressed to him touching on the vital issue of revival of trade in the Colony.

The writer of the letter throw out some useful hints, urging the Chamber to devise ways and means of helping to bring about economic rehabilitation in this part of China.

Mr. Ho Iu, Comproadore of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., moving the adoption of the suggestions, proposed that letters be addressed to the various Commercial Guilds in the Colony inviting their co-operation in ascertaining the real cause for the depression and that some effective measure be adopted to improve the general condition of trade. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leung Pui-yu and unanimously carried.

The substance of the letter in question is as follows:

"Hongkong is indisputably a great shipping centre for Sino-foreign commerce and is an important gateway for the two Kwang provinces.

"In consequence of the strike and boycott, the Colony has suffered an unprecedented setback in commerce, industry and shipping for well-nigh two years. Upon the boycott being lifted last October, the consensus of opinion was that there would be a general revival of trade. Much to our disappointment, however, the depression of trade has practically persisted even up to this day. And this persistent sluggish condition of the market has destroyed all the confidence within commercial circles to expand trade to any extent. The cause for this utter lack of confidence all round has generally been attributed to the machinations and agitations of the Communists in this part of China. In a measure this is true. Yet we are inclined to overlook, perhaps, certain deeper underlying causes and it is up to us to probe into them as well as to seek an effective remedy for them.

Pulse of Business.

"The Chamber having its hand on the very pulse of business, as it were, should take the initiative at once of instituting an investigation and deciding upon the right remedial measure for ameliorating the situation for the good of the entire Colony.

As may be recalled, through the good efforts of both of the Chinese members of the Legislative Council, the Trade Loan sanctioned by the Government has done much towards alleviating and averting the disastrous effects of the strike and boycott period. The benefit accrued from this loan has been incalculable, to say the least.

"We have now come to such a pass that the ultimate ascendancy of this Colony, thus retaining its former premier position, depends largely on what insight as well as foresight the merchants of Hongkong have brought into play during this most crucial period of reconstruction.

"What seems to be needed, therefore, at the moment, is for the merchants of Hongkong to put their shoulders to the wheel and speedily search for the best means whereby to restore confidence and prosperity to the Colony."

TJILBOET SALVAGE.

NO NEWS OF TENDER ACCEPTANCE YET.

It is learned that although the tenders for the repair of the salvaged Tjilboet have been closed, it is impossible as yet to make any announcement in connexion therewith.

With tenders limited in number the local office is not empowered to accept either and the details have been cabled to the head office at Batavia for a final decision.

The cable was despatched on Tuesday, but up to a late hour yesterday, no word had been received. Meanwhile the ship lies as originally berthed at Taikee Docks.

THE DYE INDUSTRY.

HUGE COMBINE MAY BE FORMED.

London, May 11.

The Manchester Guardian says that it is authoritatively reported that the Imperial Chemical Industries are negotiating an agreement with the German Dye-Staffs Corporation. It is expected that the two concerns will pool their technical resources to eliminate competition.

The combine will involve about £121,000,000.—Rouler.

WIRELESS SUPERINTENDENT.

MR. A. J. CHESTERTON LEAVE FOR HOME.

Among the passengers by the Empress of Asia for Home yesterday was Mr. A. J. Chesterton, the well known superintendent of the Marconi International Marine Communication Company Limited, who during his term of office, has proved a friend indeed to both operators and shipmasters on the coast.

Mr. Chesterton was one of the prominent members of the Hongkong Radio Society at its inception and was always ready to assist with the acquired knowledge of wireless working, gained under varying conditions. A lecture which he delivered at the Engineer's Institute on the possibilities of the science some time ago, was largely attended and greatly appreciated.

Prior to his departure, Mr. Chesterton was the recipient of a gift from the operating, seagoing and office staffs of the Marconi Company and on this occasion, all sections were represented and expressed their good wishes for Mr. Chesterton's future.

The gift took the form of a solid silver model of a Chinese patrol junk, 24 inches in height and 20 inches long, and was complete in every detail, including regalia and guns. The model carried a plate which was suitably inscribed.

Those present at the ceremony were Messrs. C. B. Howling (China Coast Operators); W. R. Kent (Singapore Operators); P. N. Ho, (Office Staff); and W. R. Chillumid (Wireless Association). In replying to the good wishes expressed and accepting the gift, Mr. Chesterton thanked all those who had combined to make his departure a memorable one in such pleasing shape. It would, he said, be treasured for its happy associations with the China Coast and those with whom it had been his honour and pleasure to work with, during his sojourn in the East.

DIAMOND RING DEAL.

CREDIT CUSTOMER TAKEN FOR SWINDLER.

Yesterday afternoon Major C. Willson discharged a Chinese who appeared on a charge of obtaining a diamond ring under false pretences. The ring was stated to be worth \$750.

Detective Inspector A. N. Reynolds prosecuted and Mr. H. Lo appeared for the defence. Mr. F. H. Loebeby watched the interests of the complainant.

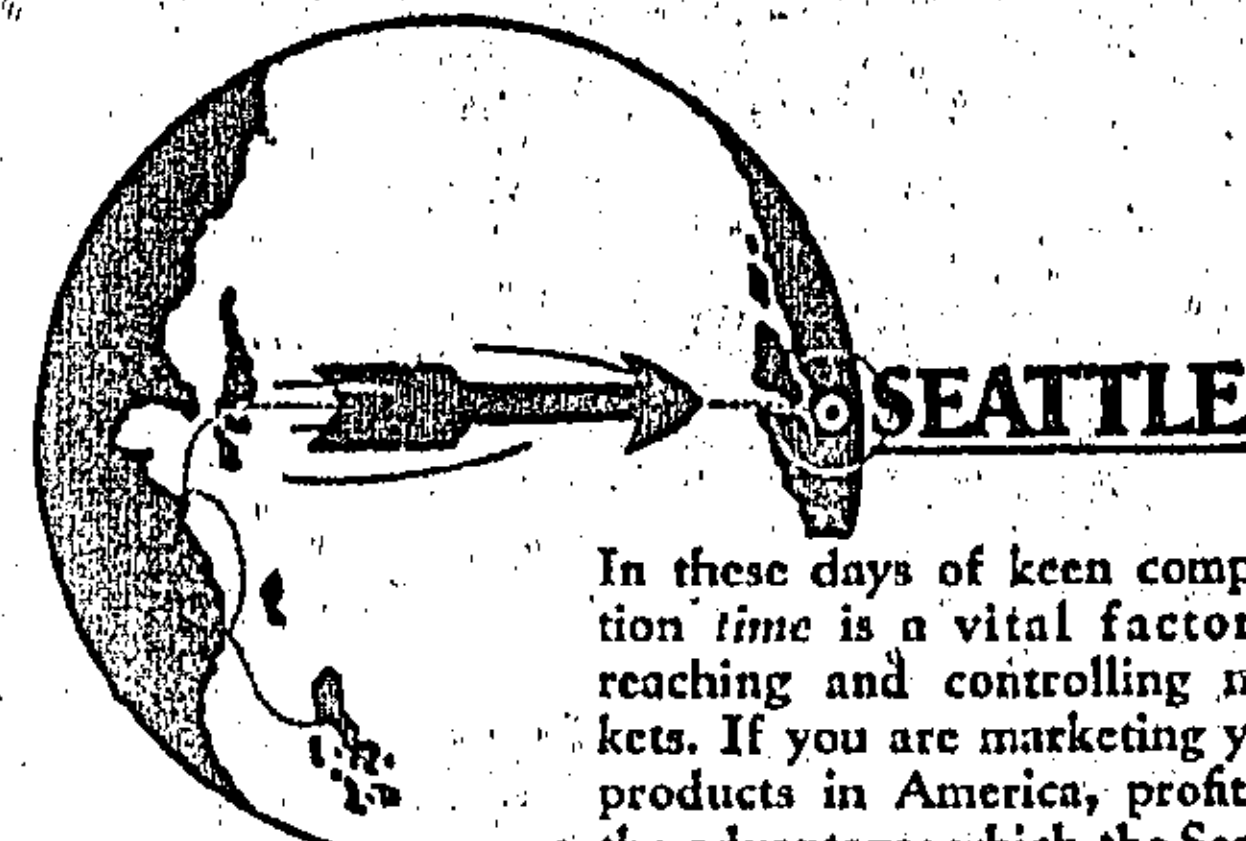
It transpires that the defendant had obtained a ring from the complainant, who was a Jeweller, in the early part of last year. The arrangement was that the defendant was to pay for the ring in a couple of hours after taking it from the complainant. Complainant waited at the defendant's hotel for defendant's return but waited in vain. He later learned that the defendant had gone to Shanghai. He saw him in the Colony a few days ago and gave him into custody.

The above evidence was given at a previous hearing. Yesterday afternoon the case took a curious turn. Detective Inspector Reynolds produced a promissory note purporting to be signed by the defendant and given to the complainant's foki. The complainant said that the foki had only just given him the promissory note. As far as he knew the note was given to his foki in August last year and his foki forgot to give it to him. The foki went away to the country and had only just thought of giving the promissory note to his master.

Major Willson discharged the defendant, remarking that it appeared to be more a case of goods sold and not paid for than of swindling.

Mr. H. Lo explained that the defendant was the Manager of Kwong Lee Co., of Shanghai, which had a business turnover of half a million dollars yearly. It was not probable that such a man would attempt to swindle a ring from the complainant.

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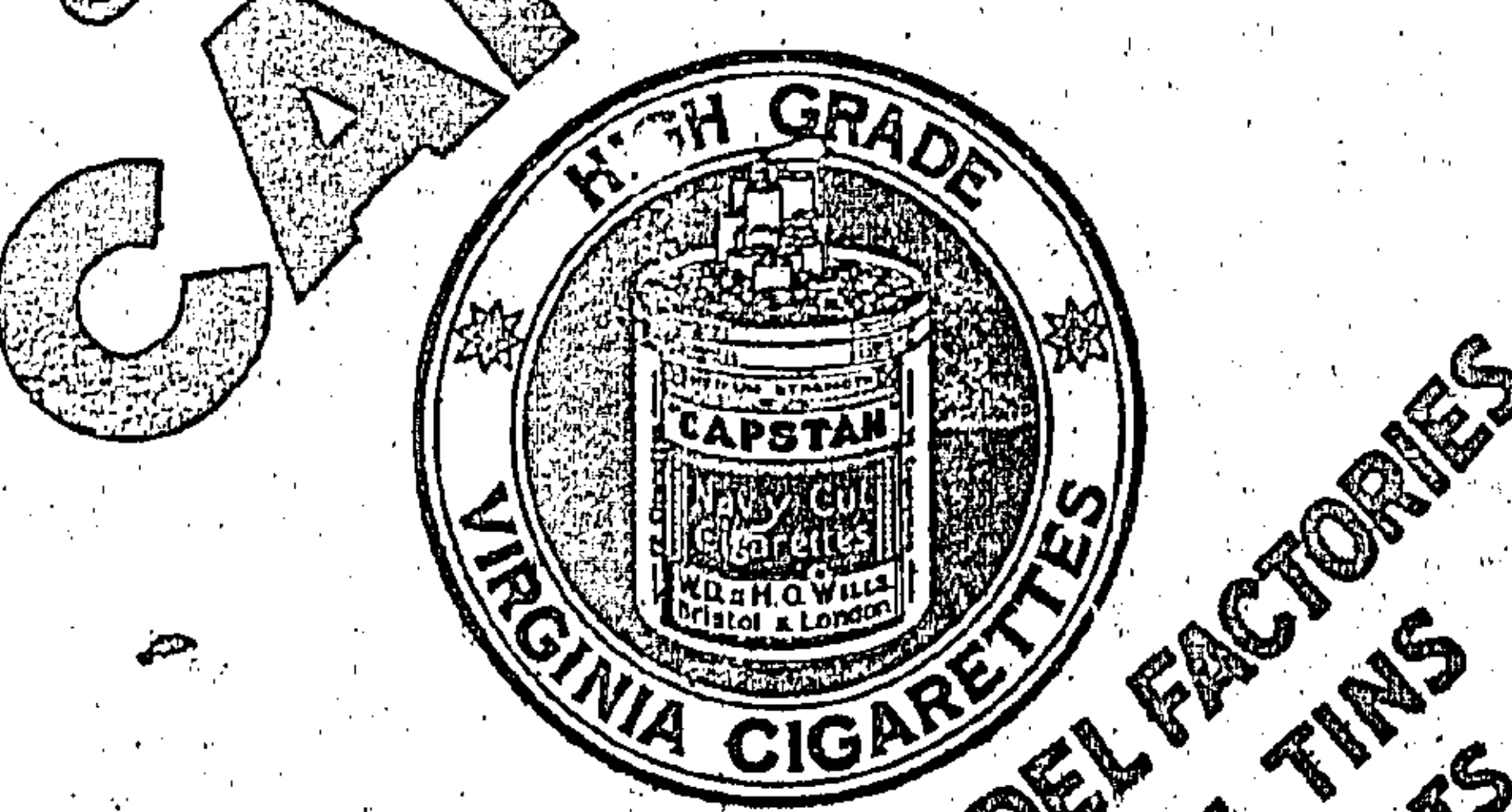
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PUNJABI SPORTS.

14TH PLATOON COMES OUT ON TOP.

The annual sports of the 5th Battalion, 2nd Punjab Regiment were held at the United Services Recreation Club ground at Kowloon yesterday, when Lieut.-Colonel V. Coates and officers were "at home" to a large gathering of visitors, including Major-General C. Luard, Commander Pearson, Col. Hayley Bell, Col. Ferrers, son, Col. Hayley Bell, Captain Calvert of the Cameronians, Captain Calvert of the Cameronians, Hon. E. R. Hallifax, Dr. J. T. Smalley and others. While hospitality was dispensed in a lavish manner, the guests were also regaled to an enjoyable selection of music by the Battalion's band under the conductorship of Bandmaster Larter.

Keen rivalry for sports honours had always marked these meetings of the Battalion, and yesterday, after an afternoon's strenuous efforts, the 14th Platoon came out on top with 21 points. In one case, the regimental record for the 100 Yards Flat Race was broken, by one-fifth of a second, by Sepoy Ahmed Khan, whose time was 10-3/5 secs.

Other competitions decided elsewhere resulted in the 7th Platoon winning the Shooting Trophy and the Headquarters Platoon winning the Hockey Cup for the third year in succession. The 7th Platoon also proved to be the best Lewis Gun unit, while the distinction of being the best all-round Company was again won by the "A" Company for the second year in succession. A unique trophy was that presented to the Champion Sports Platoon at the close of yesterday's meeting. This is a large mirror with a clock fixed at the head, which year after year, has gone to the platoon whose members win the biggest aggregate of points at the annual sports. It is stated to be very useful in barracks and the 14th Platoon is to be congratulated on their retention for at least a year of this trophy for their room.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Gore, wife of Major Gore of the Battalion, who was presented with a bouquet by the President of the meeting, Lieut.-Colonel Coates.

Results.

Inter-Platoon Relay Race.—1, 10th Platoon; 2, 15th Platoon.
Long Jump.—1, Sepoy Sardar Khan; 2, Ahmed Khan; 3, Sepoy Nanak Ram. Time, 18 mins. 2 1/2 secs.

440 Yards Flat Race.—1, Shah Din; 2, Sepoy Babu Khan; 3, Ghulam Mughamed. Time, 69-1/5 secs.
Putting the Weight.—1, R. H. M. Pande Khan; 2, Nur Elahi; 3, Sabar Din. Distance, 30 ft. 7 inches.

440 Yards Flat Race.—1, Gur-din Ram; 2, Gur. Ghulam Mahomed (5th Battery); 3, Gur. Abdul Gaffar (4th Battery).

One Mile Flat Race.—1, Sepoy Sant Ram; 2, Guria Ram; 3, Bhagat Singh. Time, 6 mins. 7-1/5 secs.

Camp Followers' Race.—1, Mira Baksh and Sahab Din; 2, Sunda Ram and Tota Ram dead-heated with Rakha Singh and Baywa Singh.

High Jump.—1, Havildar Mitha Ram; 2, Patch Mahomed; 3, L/Nk Jahan Khan. Height, 5 ft. 1 in.

Wheelbarrow Race.—1, Jagat Singh and Sant Singh; 2, Ali Bahadur and Raj Wali.

100 Yards Flat Race.—1, Sepoy Ahmed Khan; 2, Babu Khan; 3, Gian Singh. Time, 10-3/5 secs.

One-Half Mile Flat Race. (Open to British ranks of the Garrison).—Pte. Tiernan, R.A.M.C.; 2, Pte. Cranston, K.O.S.B.; 3, Pte. King, K.O.S.B. Time, 2 mins. 16 secs.

Three-Legged Race.—1, Chandri Khan and Jagan Khan; 2, Babu Khan and Din Mahomed.

Half-Mile Flat Race.—1, Sant Ram; 2, Guria Ram; 3, Rannia Ram. Time, 2 mins. 20-4/5 secs.

Sack Race.—1, Sepoy Sant Ram; 2, Sepoy Puran Singh.

220 Yards Flat Race.—1, Sepoy Ahmed Khan; 2, Gunga Ram; 3, L/Nk Patch Khan. Time, 24 secs.

Tug-of-war.—1, 9th Platoon; 2, 3rd Platoon.

Indian Officers' Handicap.—1, Jundard Jagat Singh; 2, Mehdi Khan.

Obstacle Race.—1, Sepoy Punna Singh; 2, Sepoy Unar Din.

Team Relay Race.—1, 14th Platoon; 2, 17th Platoon; 3, 12th Platoon.

Sports Committee.

President, Lieut.-Colonel V. Coates. Judges, Major C. T. M. Smith, Captain M. Middleton, Captain R. A. Slater, Subadar Major Dhanna Singh, Subadar Ithar Khan, and Subadar Badhawa Ram.

Recorders, Captain M. G. O'Leary, M.B.E., and Subadar Hassan Ali.

Time Keepers, Lieutenant A. H. Upson and Subadar Khan Bahadur.

Starters, Lieutenant G. M. S. Webb and Jemadar Nand Singh.

Marshalls, Lieutenant C. V. King, Subadar Arjan Singh, Jemadar Mehdi Khan and Jemadar Aunsa Ram.

NEPHEW AND AUNT.

WOMAN RECEIVES EIGHTY CUT WOUNDS.

A description of the severe wounds inflicted on the body of a Chinese woman of the Chuk Un Village near the Shatin Gap, was given by medical officers at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when two men who are being charged with murder, were again brought before the Magistrate.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith is prosecuting for the Crown, the defendants, including the deceased's nephew, being unrepresented.

Dr. Ip Kam-wa, medical officer of the Kwong Wah Hospital, said there were altogether about 80 cut wounds on the woman's body.

RUSSIAN CRISIS.

KERENSKY ON "UNITED STATES OF RUSSIA."

New York.—Alexander Kerensky, former dictator of the second Provisional Government of Russia, now in the United States, believes Russia will work out its own salvation through the formation of a democratic government to be known as the "United States of Russia."

Interviewed by the United Press in his hotel headquarters here, Kerensky explained that he had come to the United States to combat Soviet propaganda and to solicit the moral and material aid of the American people toward the overthrow of the Soviet regime.

After the Petrograd garrison's revolt on March 12, 1917, Kerensky became Minister of Justice in the Cabinet of the first Provisional Government, headed by Prince Lvov, whom he succeeded on July 20, 1917, as Prime Minister with dictatorial power.

Early in June of that violent year, Kerensky announced his now famous belief, when he declared that "nobody would be able to wrest liberty from the people." On November 7 he was overthrown by the Bolsheviks and has lived in exile ever since, mainly in Paris, editing the anti-Bolshevik newspaper *Dni* and participating in the direction of the exiled Russian mensheviks.

While talking, Kerensky paced the length of his apartments. He is a dynamic man, short and stocky in stature, with the carriage of a military leader. His hair is black but close-shaven, after the manner of the German militarists, while his blue eyes are intense.

Soviet Government Weak.

"At least 99 per cent. of the Russians are discontented with the Communist regime," he declared. "Only a few realize that the Russian people are silently fighting for liberation from the Bolsheviks. I have come to America to speak for the Russian people." Speaking in Russian and French, Kerensky repeated, "Nobody can wrest liberty from the people," in the course of discussing the forces within Russia which he alleged are preparing the overthrow of the Soviet regime.

The Soviet Government is now facing its greatest crisis, he declared, and is rapidly losing the confidence of the people. The Communist strength has been limited to the cities, where it is being weakened by the influx of workers coming to town in search of employment.

Asked if the Soviet Government could exist with the support of outside capital, Kerensky replied: "It could perhaps prolong its stay in power, but it must give way before the growing opposition of the working classes."

He said there are 2,000,000 workers out of employment in Russia now and many peasants who cannot earn a living by agriculture. These have flocked to the cities in search of work, attracted by the lure of industrial opportunities.

Worse than the Czars.

Despite the assertions of the Soviet Government, Russia is now in a worse condition than it was under the Czars, he declared, and predicted that the Communist regime will be overthrown by an "economic evolution" as the result of "its absurd economic system."

When this will occur Kerensky refused to forecast, but he indicated that another twenty-five years would see Russia in the hands of a responsible government which "will have the recognition of the entire world."

"Under the present regime, a new system of nobility is developing—that of the Soviet office holders who rival the Czarist aristocracy," Kerensky declared. "Even as the Russian people overthrew the Czar, so shall they overthrow the Soviets."

"I leave it to you to judge if the conditions now prevailing in Russia are an improvement over those under the Czars. Both represent the last extremes and have no sympathy for any democratic ideals. That explains why I am always caught between the cross fire of the Soviets and the monarchists."

During his two-month stay in the United States, Kerensky will make a lecture-tour and carry on an intensive publicity campaign against the Soviet regime. He hopes to establish a newspaper in New York to be printed in English, similar to his Paris organ.

There were 40 cuts on the head

and neck excluding 18 on the face. Most of the wounds were apparently caused by some sharp instrument.

Death was due to shock and hemorrhage.

Dr. J. E. Dovey, medical officer in charge of the Kowloon Mortuary, confirmed Dr. Ip's statements, and after further evidence the case was again adjourned.

FORCED MARRIAGE.

GIRL STUDENT AND A HAWKER.

While forcing a Chinese girl to enter the train on Monday morning at 7.30 at the Kowloon railway station a Chinese was arrested by a Chinese detective.

In her statement to the Police the girl, who was dressed in a school uniform, said that she was a student of a school in Nathan Road.

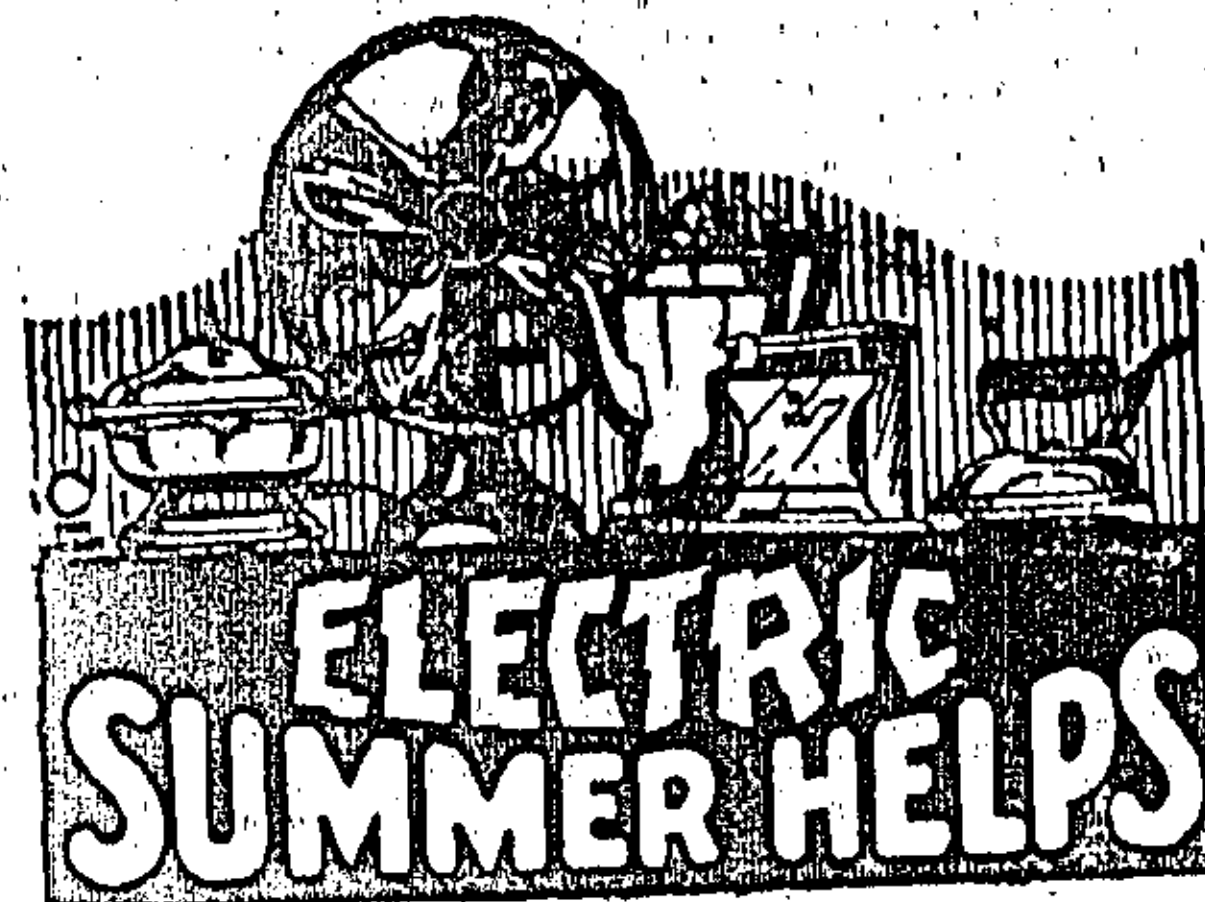
She lived with her mother in Yau-mati. The man with her was a faki of the sweet, congee shop in the ground floor. Every day, when she went to school, she had to pass the shop and it seemed to her that two brothers had fallen in love with her.

Under the pretext of toothache the two used to come and soo her mother, who was a lady dentist. At last they asked for the hand of the girl, but the proposal was refused by the mother. On the 7th inst. the defendant, with four other men, again went up to see the mother.

The defendant introduced his four friends as members of the Triad Society, who defied the Police. These four men threatened the mother, stating that if she did not consent to give her daughter to the defendant she would, no doubt, be sorry afterwards, as cruel means had been resolved among themselves to deal with her.

On the 9th inst. the defendant waited for her and said they had determined to kill her mother if she did not agree to go with him to the railway station at once. The girl was frightened and, believing her mother to be in danger, resolved to give herself up and followed the defendant to the station, where the police intervened.

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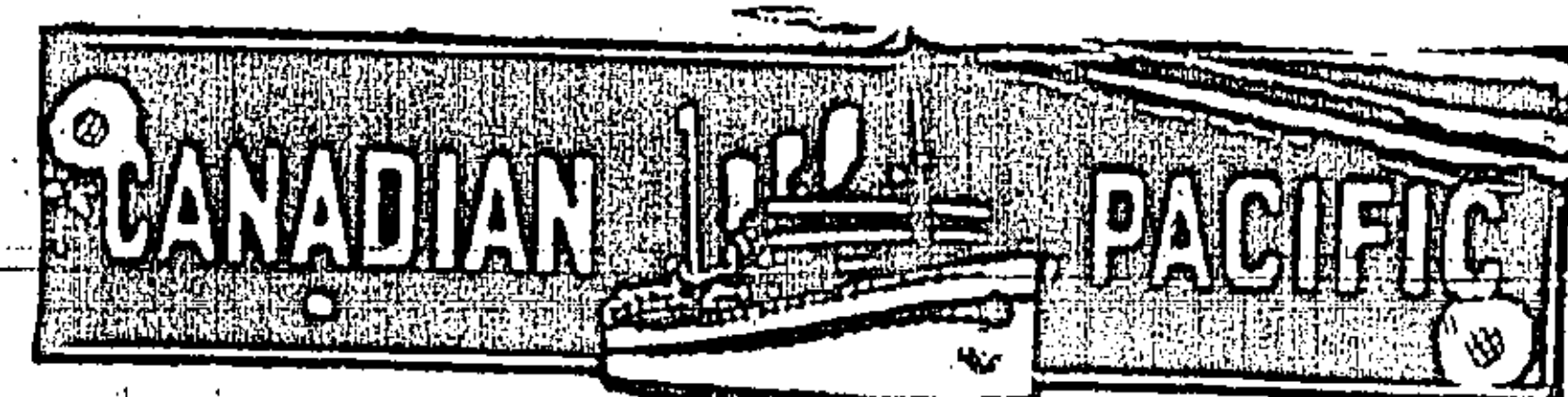
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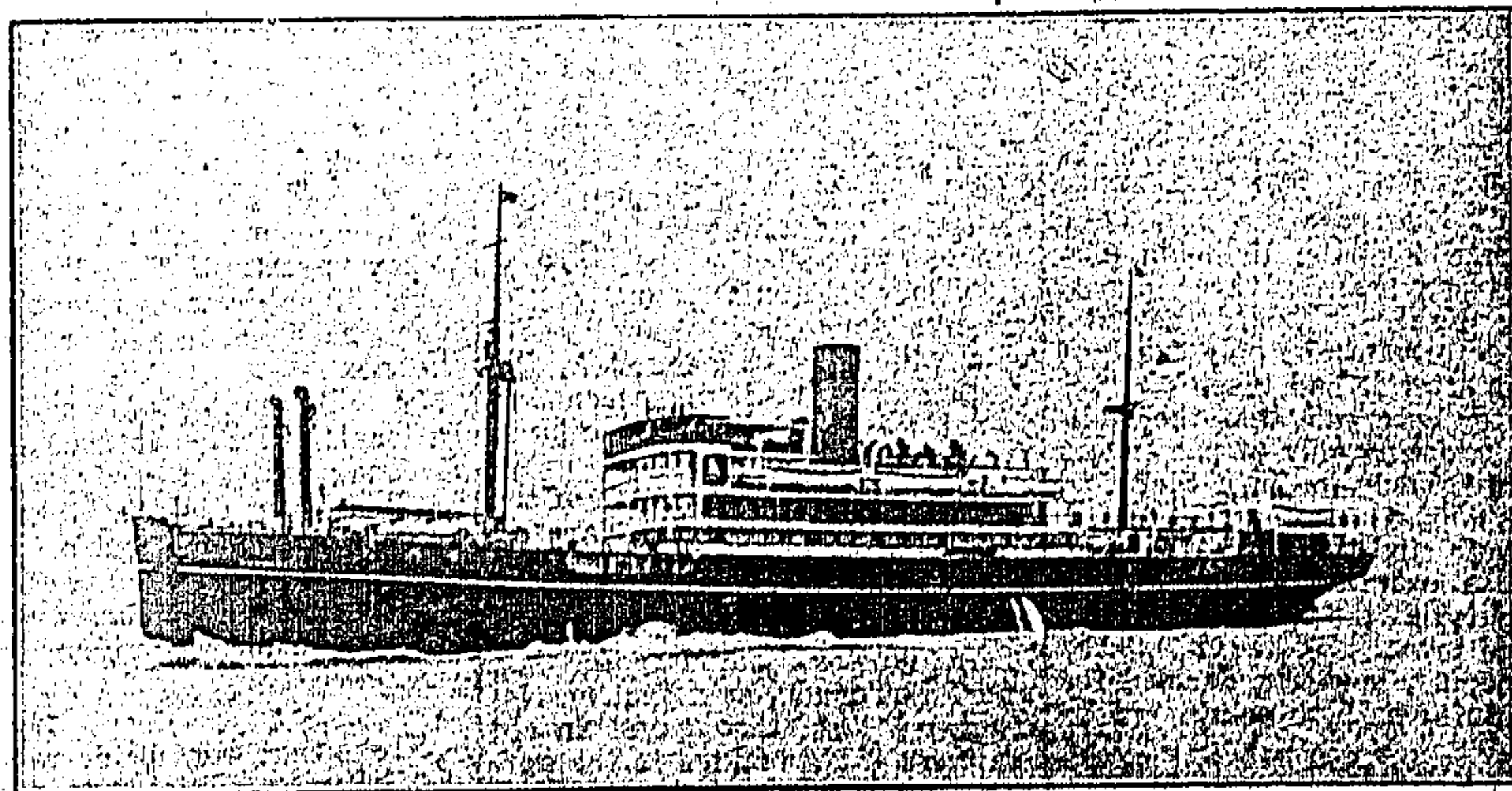
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Sir Philip Sassoon, the Under-Secretary for Air, stated that the number of civil aircraft in Great Britain and Northern Ireland licensed to fly, including those owned by the Air Council, the Imperial Airways, and the subsidised aeroplane companies, was 138. Of these, 36 were light aeroplanes.—*British Wireless.*

the exception of three men who succeeded to make good their escape, and seven bandits faced the Judge at the Provisional Court later in the morning. They were, however, remanded at the request of the Police, who wanted to make further investigations.

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PROMINENT CHINESE COMMUNISTS.



Who were arrested at the Soviet Embassy on April 6. (1) Tiao Yen, acting chief of the Commercial People's Section. (2) Li Kun, permanent committee of the 9th division of the party. (3) Yang Ching-shan, director. (4) Tan Tsu-yao, chief of correspondence section. (5) Hsieh Po-yu, chief of organization section. (6) Teng Wen-chi, chief of party affairs section. Some of these persons have since been executed.

ARMED ARAB RAID.

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some eighty miles from here on the mainland of Arabia, the sheikh of 'Old' Henjam being a blood relation or a relation by marriage of the Sheikh of Debai. The Arabs acknowledge no law but their own and no allegiance but to their Sheikh and they strongly resent any attempt on the part of Persia at interference with their liberties. Persia's claim to the control of the whole island, including the Arab colony is, therefore, a fruitful source of dispute.

Arab Smugglers.

All imports into the island are supposed to enter via the recognised Customs station on the northern coast. A village has sprung up round the customs station, the inhabitants of which (Persians from Vin Ab) are for the most part dependents of the British Government departments here—the telegraph (cable and wireless offices) and Royal Indian Marine and naval coal depot. Persia has long desired to establish another Customs post on the southern (Arab) side of the island but this desire has not so far taken feasible shape owing to the absence of a force necessary to support such a venture.

It is clear, therefore, that the Arabs will not import their stores via our side of Henjam and pay Customs dues when it is so much easier and cheaper for them to get their stores direct from Debai and pay no customs duty on them. Persia calls this smuggling but the Arab, who owns no allegiance to Persia, does not quite see the point and is ready to proceed to any length to maintain his right to smuggle.

No Enforcement.

The Muddir of Customs at Henjam is thus in the unfortunate position of having to carry out all sorts of irksome regulations prescribed by his Government without means at his disposal necessary to enforce them and as a result most of the sugar and tea consumed even on the Persian side of Henjam is smuggled stuff having been brought in overland from old Henjam. The Customs tariff against these two commodities—sugar and tea—is extremely heavy and the loss to Persia by this means is, therefore, considerable.

Contraband Seized.

This morning an armed motor dhow (a country craft fitted with an auxiliary petrol engine) belonging to the Persian Customs administration took forcible possession of an Arab craft that was making for old Henjam presumably from Debai with contraband cargo. Two Arabs were taken prisoners and it is stated that a sum of Rs. 2,000 in silver was also captured by the Persians. The motor dhow took the Arab boat in tow with the intention of bringing it to the Customs station where the cargo would have been confiscated. Meantime the Arabs from old Henjam came into the Persian zone overland—it is only about six miles from coast to coast—with the idea of rescuing their compatriots and making an end of the detested customs house and officials attached thereto. A few shots were exchanged between the motor dhow in the stream and the Arabs ashore, but the boat succeeded in escaping and was last seen proceeding at top speed in the direction of Bandar Abbas.

No further trouble is at present anticipated, but it will be interesting to see whether this outrage against their principal official

KING MAKES RECORD.

VISIT TO GRAMOPHONE FACTORY.

Hayes, Middlesex, April 12. With the Queen, smilingly looking on, the King yesterday made a tour, lasting nearly three hours, of the factory of 'His Majesty's Voice' Gramophone Company at Hayes, Middlesex.

His Majesty, who is a gramophone enthusiast, particularly asked to see how records were manufactured, and, with the Queen, he was conducted to a large building where 200 machines were turning out records at the rate of one per minute per machine.

Stopping at one of the machines where Mr. S. Connell, a foreman, was standing with a "biscuit" of material ready to be pressed, the King asked: "What are you making on this machine?"

Mr. Connell explained—that everything was in readiness for pressing the Overture from "The Mikado," the first eleven records of Gilbert and Sullivan operas just recorded under the direction of Mr. Rupert D'Oyly Carte.

"Good," said the King. "Show me how to work the machine and I will try to make a record."

Mr. Connell, having indicated the working of the machine to the King, his Majesty, with his left hand, pulled a big lever which lowered the press on to a copper mould, and with his right hand he pulled another lever which completed the pressing operation.

A Perfect Press.

"There!" he exclaimed, as Mr. Connell took the record from the machine. "Is it a good one?" "It is a perfect press, your Majesty," the foreman answered. "That is splendid," observed the Queen, who had watched the operation.

The record will be added to the King's large gramophone library. On the machine next to that which the King had worked the Queen noticed records being pressed which bore the portrait of the Prince of Wales.

"My son!" she exclaimed in surprise. "What is the record?"

Prince of Wales Disc.

The record was entitled on one side "Sportsmanship personally recorded by the Prince of Wales," and on the other side "God Bless the Prince of Wales," played by the Coldstream Guards. The King also examined the record very closely. "That is fine," he declared. "I have not seen that one before. I must get a copy." In the room where the oldest patterns of gramophones are kept the King laughingly turned the handle of one of the first disc machines, made in 1884. This machine has no motor and the disc had to be revolved by continuous turning of the handle.

"I am glad gramophones are not like that to-day," the King laughed.

Passing through the sound box assembling room, their Majesties stopped and spoke to one of the girl workers, Miss Elsie Hampton, who was wearing the V.C. won by her dead father in the war. When they left, the King and Queen were cheered by 5,000 men and girl workers who crowded round the Royal car so that for some moments it was impossible for them to drive off.

will arouse sufficient anger in Persia as to convince the powers there that the sooner the exceedingly vexed question that gave rise to it is settled the better for all concerned.

ICHANG FALLS TO YANG SEN.

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In the account of Mr. Chen a little over a hundred Mexican dollars whereas the cheque was drawn for \$40,000. I do not know if it was post-dated but presumably it was. But even so there was nothing to meet it when it was presented and the cheque for the Kiangsi damages was marked R.D. and returned to Mr. Chen. At a later date, however, the money was paid. There is no doubt about that, and it makes curious reading in the papers that Mr. Baldwin did not know whether the money had been paid or not. It is also absurd for Mr. Chen to state that his original cheque was not a dud.

TROOPS EXPECTED HERE.

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Four battalions of infantry will be added to the Colony's military strength by the end of next week, if the troops now on the way, arrive in accordance with their present schedule.

The first vessel is expected to arrive on Monday and the remainder will come in at different intervals during the week. Amongst the first troops expected are the 2nd Scots Guards, accompanied by two companies of the Northamptonshire Regiment. The Guards will, we understand, go into the Peninsula Hotel almost immediately.

The 2nd Batt. Welch Regiment, and the 1st. Bn. Green Howards will arrive on the Derbyshire, and the 1st. Batt. Queen's Royal Regiment, and the remainder of the Northamptonshires on the s.s. Nevada soon afterwards.

It is understood that unless there is a sudden change for the worse, in Shanghai, the troops will be kept in Hongkong for the time being.

The Royal Air Force Squadron (No. 2) and two Royal Field Artillery batteries are also expected during next week.

STOLEN UNCLE.

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still recognised him and defendant was again taken back by the boy's mother—but this time to another nephew, who probably knew a little more about how to put questions, for here the defendant gave the address of the boy and also drew a rough plan of the location in which he was hidden.

A True Story.

Mr. McCallum said that the boy's story was true in every detail. The defendant took the lad away without the mother's consent as she wished to put the boy into Chinese politics.

Mr. Lindell remarked that that was an extraordinary way of doing a person a favour.

Mr. McCallum suggested that the mother had often hinted at remarriage and therefore defendant did not want to see the boy miss his opportunity.

The case was adjourned until 11.30 a.m. tomorrow.

An Alsatian dog found eating a lamb at Blaengwaw Farm, where four other lambs had been killed, was given another chance to behave itself by the Aberdare (Glamorgan) magistrates last month. The Bench decided, however, that if the dog ate any more lambs or attacked human beings it would have to be destroyed.

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KUALA LUMPUR SENSATION.

SANITARY BOARD RESIGNS EN BLOC.

Kuala Lumpur, May 4. As a result of differences between the unofficial members of the Sanitary Board and the Government the former have resigned en bloc.

The unofficials for some time past have been feeling that they were not receiving proper treatment from the Government.

Two instances are quoted, one being the transfer of Dr. Black, Health Officer, to Telok Anson against which the board protested most vigorously, and the acquisition by Government of the Racecourse without consulting the Board.

These two indicate the reasons which have led to this action on the

part of the unofficials.

This, however, will not in any way interfere with the holding of to-day's meeting of the Board as only four are required to form a quorum.

Later: In the course of an interview Mr. Khoo Kong Hooi, senior unofficial member of the Kuala Lumpur Sanitary Board, declined to make any statement regarding the resignation of the unofficial members.

Jim, for more than fourteen years a faithful member of the Chicago police department cavalry, was relieved of his duties the other day that he might serve as a mourner at the funeral of a man who had ridden him. One of the dying requests of Policeman David Cairns was, "I want Jim at my funeral."